



PLANS TO AVOID 'BRAIN DRAIN'

Report by Sue Austin

EDUCATION bosses in Oswestry say plans are in place to help avoid a local "brain drain" following the release of new figures which show young people are continuing to desert Shropshire.

Teenagers are moving away from the county for educational and career reasons, according to data from the Office for National Statistics.

Latest internal migration figures this week revealed that 1,450 15-to-19-year-olds gave up a life in Shropshire in the year to June 2015 with only 670 moving the other way. Business, education and civic leaders said it was essential Oswestry kept its brightest and best young people. North Shropshire College this week revealed it is expanding its vocational programme – a decision which means it will discontinue A-levels provision for new students at its Oswestry campus from September.

Skills

Principal Jackie Doodson said that while A-level provision in the area had increased there was a gap for high quality skills development.

She said: "At North Shropshire College we offer an expanding programme of vocational courses and apprenticeships, giving our local population the skills needed for jobs in this area."

"The college has established excellent links with local employers which is of key importance for the future of vocational training. Through these links we gain advice on specific skills development needs to help with curriculum planning."

Jo White, business and community development manager at The Marches School, said: "At The Marches School we have a thriving Sixth Form as well as strong links with local businesses which allow those leaving the school to transition to suitable vocational opportunities in the local area more easily. Furthermore, our teacher training school has gone from strength to strength, offering young people the ability to train to be teachers right here in Oswestry."

Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner said schools and local authorities were working together to offer more to younger people and the work had been boosted by the recently established University Centre Shrewsbury. Oswestry Chamber of Commerce is looking to transform the town centre into a Business Improvement District which would attract funding and make the area more attractive. The chamber met last night (Wednesday) to seek a mandate from its members to set up a working party to take the initiative forward. Chamber chairman Neil Jenkins said: "While wages may be lower than in some parts of Britain, because the cost of living is so much lower, it means that disposable incomes are higher. Shropshire has a fantastic lifestyle to offer to people and to companies looking to relocate their staff."

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Eddie inspires the next generation at festival



Eddie the Eagle and The Marches pupil Matthew Lloyd, 11, with Mille the Dinosaur at the Festival of Education in Oswestry

IT IS 28 years since his efforts at the Winter Olympics transformed Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards into a national hero – and now the ski-jumper has been inspiring the next generation.

The iconic British sportsman was one of the speakers at the Marches Academy Trust Festival of Education held in Oswestry on Friday.

The festival was attended by thousands of students and teachers from schools across the region.

Although he rose to prominence on British TV screens at the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, the story of Eddie's life has been seen by a new generation in the film of his life Eddie the Eagle.

Speaking after being mobbed by pupils and

staff wanting pictures with him, he said he had been thrilled to share his story, and urged the youngsters to follow their dreams.

He said: "We talked about how I got to Calgary, sleeping in the car, scraping food out of bins, sleeping in a mental hospital, borrowing equipment."

"I explained it was hard work, dedication, but also resilience and not giving up, and if that meant scraping food out of a bin so I could stay another week and get more jumps in then that was worth doing."

"So, if things get tough don't give up, think of it as a challenge."

"Don't give up, if people want to do something it is about how badly you want it."

The Festival of Education was the first to

take place at the Marches School and is intended to become an annual fixture. It included speakers for teachers, staff, and pupils, as well as a variety of educational and informative activities, including Life Long Ago, a group teaching pupils about dinosaurs with the help of a giant T-Rex.

Sarah Longville, executive headteacher at the Marches Academies Trust, said the pupils had been "hanging off every word" of the talk.

She said the school had been delighted to welcome all the speakers and groups who attended the day and would be looking to make it an annual fixture. There were more visitors to The Marches School on Saturday when the school staged its annual family fun day.

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HEALTH

Athlete tells of his worries over loss of leisure centre

A PARALYMPIAN says the potential loss of Oswestry's leisure centre would have "huge implications" on the health and wellbeing of town residents.

Shropshire Council says it cannot afford to keep the centre open and last week Oswestry Town Council indicated it would likely refuse to take on its running.

Mark Fosbrook, from Whittington, a Great Britain wheelchair basketball player, said the centre had been "instrumental" in him becoming an elite athlete. He said: "It's a fantastic facility that I use on a regular basis, without it I wouldn't have been able to do half of my on-court training on my own. It's been instrumental for me, and I know for many people in the town it's a hugely important facility. If Oswestry were to lose its leisure centre it would have a massive impact on people's health and wellbeing, that would be worrying."

Despite fears for the centre's future, Mr Fosbrook spoke optimistically of the options that could be available in order to save it. He said: "A trust or private operator could take on the running of the centre from the council."

Oswestry Town Council said it was likely it would not be taking on the running of the leisure centre, and the town's under-threat library, after being warned by the government to protect taxpayers from excessive precept increases.

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COUNCIL

Anti-crime hotline project set to end

AN anti-social behaviour hotline manned by town council officers set up in a bid to combat escalating problems with crime and vandalism in Welshpool will close today (Thursday).

The drive was launched by Welshpool Town Council to encourage people to report incidents amid growing concerns about anti-social behaviour problems.

As part of the initiative, town council officers have been manning a phone line, monitoring a website and checking an incident book, which will make up evidence used to direct future policing policy and enforcement in the town.

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Opening date on £15m hospital work hit by delay

Report by Rebecca King

THE opening of a £15 million operating theatre at Shropshire's orthopaedic hospital has been set back by five weeks.

The theatre and ward development at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital was originally due to be opened mid-June and was then put back to July 18.

Now, hospital bosses say this will instead be August 1 with the first surgical patients on August 15.

Officials at Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital in Gobowen, said the delays were "beyond our control".

The final building will include four new clean-air theatres, a high dependency unit, an admission-on-day-of-surgery unit, a 10-bedded ward and a tumour outpatients department.

The move was discussed at a hospital board meeting on Thursday last week after Bev Tabernacle, director of nursing at the trust, issued an update to staff.

She said: "This development is going to have a massive impact on the quality of care we can provide and I am excited because the first phase of the project is getting close to completion now."

"Unfortunately, delays beyond our control mean there has been a slip in the hand-over date and this has now been revised to August 1.

"We will then have a two-week period to get everything ready before the first surgical patients will enter the new building on August 15.

"Handover was originally scheduled for the middle of June and then revised to July 18. That slippage and this latest delay are both down to issues outside of the trust's control which have emerged in the final stages of the build.

"While this is frustrating it is not uncommon on projects of this size, and it is important that we get things right.

"At the end of the day, we are going to get a building that is truly world class and that is going to allow us to improve the already outstanding levels of patient experience and outcomes that we deliver on a daily basis."

A new dedicated bone cancer centre with inpatient and clinic facilities and a flexible multi-use ward will be incorporated into the building next to the hospital's main entrance.

Staff nurse Ann crowned Health Hero



Staff nurse Ann Bishop receives her award from hospital chief executive Mark Brandreth, watched by colleagues

A NURSE who was nominated by 16 colleagues has been crowned the winner of a health award.

Staff nurse Ann Bishop has been recognised for her commitment to patients and colleagues at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital – by being named as the second winner of the monthly Health Hero title.

Ann works in the children's outpatients department and with children on the recovery unit in theatres.

A record-breaking 16 of her peers separately nominated her, one being Robert Wood, a theatre healthcare assistant.

He said: "Ann is always helpful and kind. She cares for patients with a good heart."

Lisa Kendall, an anaesthetic nurse, also put Ann forward for the award, saying that Ann has "tireless enthusiasm and passion for paediatric services".

The award-winning nurse said she was thrilled to be recognised.

She said: "It is very humbling to be nominated for this award by so many of my colleagues. It really means a lot to me and I was shocked when I found out."

"It is always nice to be recognised for doing a good job, but I really believe I am part of a fantastic team here and I would like to think that I am accepting this award on behalf of all of them." Ann was presented with her certificate and Health Hero pin

badge by chief executive Mark Brandreth. The result was announced at the June meeting of the trust board of directors.

Mr Brandreth said: "Ann really encapsulates the values of this organisation, so I was delighted to be able to present her with her Health Hero Award."

"For 16 of her colleagues to take time out of their busy working days to nominate her really speaks volumes and we just couldn't ignore that, so she is a very worthy winner."

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Council bosses clash over school transport cost row

Report by Dominic Robertson

FAMILIES are being let down by a council's insistence they must pay to transport their children to school, according to a neighbouring authority.

Shropshire Council has hit out Powys County Council over its decision to enforce a policy which means parents of 149 Shropshire pupils, some from the Oswestry area, attending Llanfyllin High School will no longer have their transport costs subsidised.

The policy will come into force from 2018 and could cost parents £660 a year, Shropshire Council has called on the Mid Wales council to rethink the decision, claiming that parents chose the school for their children with the belief that they would not face transport costs.

Father calls for support for petition

A PETITION urging the Government to set up an independent public inquiry into abuse at Deepcut Army Barracks needs more signatures, according to the father of teenage soldier Cheryl James.

Des James has called on people to support the campaign to convene an inquiry into allegations of physical, sexual and psychological abuse at the Army barracks in Surrey between 1993 and 2002.

The petition has so far collected just under 500 signatures.

His daughter Cheryl was 18 years old when she was found dead from a gunshot wound on guard duty at the barracks in 1995.

Her family, from Llanymynech near Oswestry, were left "desperately disappointed" when an inquest ruled last month that she had taken her own life.

During the inquest the coroner was told of some of the instances of abuse at the Surrey Barracked.

But the campaign group Liberty, whose lawyers represented Mr and Mrs James, said that there are many people who report having been the victim of physical and sexual assault, including rape, at Deepcut Barracks but whose stories were not able to be told at the inquest.

Cheryl was one of four soldiers who died at the army barracks between 1995 and 2002.

People can sign the on-line petition by going to <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/132025>

David Minnery, Shropshire Council's cabinet member for children and young people, said it is "not reasonable" to change the policy mid-term.

He said: "Shropshire parents are reporting to their local councillors that they will struggle to afford these increased costs, and through no fault of their own."

"These parents chose to send their children to Llanfyllin High School on the basis that subsidised transport was provided, and it is simply not reasonable to change that policy mid-term."

"Families have been let down by Powys County Council and the decent action is to honour the agreed arrangement for all 149 pupils until they leave the school, and not pass responsibility on to Shropshire Council where it does not belong nor can be reasonably met."

Councillor Minnery said that Shropshire Council would not be able to subsidise the costs at the end of the two-year moratorium.

He said: "Shropshire Council will be unable to support these families at the end of the two years as our policy is to provide free school transport where the nearest school is more than three miles from a pupil's home address - and none of the 149 pupils meet this criteria."

In response Powys County Council leader, Councillor Barry Thomas said the authority would be responding to Councillor Minnery "in due course".

He also said the council had agreed to a two-year period of grace so as not to punish pupils and parents.

He said: "The cabinet agreed to give the school two years to comply with financial regulations that prohibit the use delegated school funds to subsidise transport in order to protect pupils and their parents who have been placed in a difficult position through no fault of their own."

Award joy for translator Lowri



Translator Lowri Roberts is runner-up in the Freelancer of the Year Awards

A TRANSLATOR who promotes the Welsh language on both sides of the border and abroad is runner-up in the Freelancer of the Year Awards.

Lowri Roberts, a freelance translator who was born in Oswestry and runs a shop called Siop Cwlwm in the town market and online, received £2,500 and a host of prizes for her businesses at the awards.

The 35-year-old Welsh speaker, from Penybontfawr, said: "I'm so overwhelmed, pleased and honoured to be awarded runner-up this year, as someone from Oswestry, running a Welsh shop that posts books, greeting cards, CDs & DVDs, all over the UK and to different countries across the world."

"The competition was high and I stood next to so many amazing and talented freelancers on that stage."

"I'm truly grateful for being recognised at a national awards and hope to continue to further my Welsh language business with the prize money and training."

Lowri's business, Trosi Tanat Translation, provides Welsh translation services to a wide range of clients. Her services include written translation, interpretation and translation training and she also works voluntarily for a Welsh language newspaper.

Lowri, who is a former pupil of Llanfyllin High School, says she uses her skills and education to positively influence the use and direction of the Welsh language.

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Partnership working 'is key to saving vital services'

Report by Naomi Penrose

A LIBRARY turned community hub shows that by working with the support of others, local authorities can help safeguard under-threat services.

That is the view of Shropshire Councillor David Lloyd, who was speaking at the relaunch of Gobowen Library, which will now operate as a community hub with local groups pledging to work together to help with the running of the facility.

College students will help run the library on certain days of the week as part of their work experience, while local officers will also host their police surgeries and PACT meetings from the building.

Town ready for food and music treat

VISITORS to Oswestry are in for a culinary and musical treat this weekend when the 10th Oswestry Food and Drink Festival is staged.

Town centre streets will be packed with local producers on Saturday and Sunday. Festival director John Wayne said: "We're really looking forward to the weekend."

"We have our festival favourites that visitors like to see every year, and stock up on tasty treats, plus several exhibitors introducing themselves to an Oswestry audience for the first time."

To add to the atmosphere the sounds of Reggae in the Park will return to Cae Glas Park on Sunday. Organised by Neil Phillips, of Eclectic, the music will feature a diverse range of reggae styles and derivatives, from dance hall to dub and ska.

DJs gracing the decks will include vinyl specialists The Vinylistas.

"We have had such positive feedback since introducing the reggae afternoon in 2013," said Mr Phillips.

"People really appreciate the music and the friendly, relaxed atmosphere it creates. We are indebted to Oswestry Town Council for letting us enjoy summertime in the park in this fantastic way."

"The food festival is marking its tenth anniversary this year, so Reggae in the Park is an apt way to celebrate," he added.

The event starts at midday and continues through to 7pm.

Lisa keen to make a difference



Lisa Van Vuuren will go forward to this autumn's international Face of The World

A "BLACK belt beauty" is offering her services to local charities and organisations.

Lisa Van Vuuren - who will go forward to this autumn's international Face of The World in 2017 to represent Wales - said she is open to offers to help local charities and to promote animal welfare worldwide.

Oswestry-based 18-year-old Lisa, who has been crowned Face of The World Wales 2016/2017, is an accomplished sports-woman.

She has a black belt in a number of the martial arts to her name including karate, judo and jujitsu and says she plans on using her new title to be more involved in her local community and to encourage others to do the same.

She said: "I would like to get involved

with as many charity organisations as possible, that's what I'm in this competition for. And I would like any charities that would like me to help them to contact me. I'm particularly keen to help improve the welfare of animals big and small around the world, including sheep, cows and chickens, to stop cruelty."

Lisa, who was born in Cape Town, South Africa, moved to the UK as a young child to live in Oswestry.

She went to the Meadows Primary School and The Marches in Oswestry before going on to study performing arts.

If any charity or community events would like Lisa to be present they can contact her on Facebook: www.facebook.com/lisaamy-vanvuuren

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

There's a clear message for book lovers this week – keep using your library or watch it being closed – and Oswestry Library is on the list. Cost-cutters at Shropshire Council are probing every possible avenue to claw back on expenditure and your local library is pretty close to the top of their agenda in the ongoing search for savings. So they are relishing the results of a five-year study into falling visitor numbers at county libraries which show a 26 per cent drop since 2011/12 – what better evidence could they have for closing more branches and concentrating on the mobile service which has seen visitors increase by 40 per cent?

Seven libraries have already been transferred to new local community management arrangements and a further two libraries, including Gobowen, are continuing to be managed by Shropshire Council, pending the introduction of new local arrangements. Discussions are also taking place with Oswestry Town Council and community groups over a potential handover of the popular town service.

On the subject of cuts another county council needs to get its act together. Cross the Welsh border into Powys and you will quickly see that the local authority seems to have forgotten its duties when it comes to grass cutting. The council is blaming the new contractors for underestimating the task ahead of them despite reducing the service we have been used to in the past. But surely it's the council that's at fault? There was a duty of care to ensure a smooth hand-over and ensure the new people knew exactly what was expected of them. And you can expect the situation to get worse. The council is cutting back on "street scene" services – that means bins and street cleaning and generally keeping our towns and villages tidy places to live and visit. It wants local councils to take the service off their hands but isn't prepared to pay anywhere near enough to fund the service to an acceptable standard.

Interesting developments at the BBC with Chris Evans admitting failure at Top Gear. I've been rambling on for weeks that the ginger one's ego was too big for his own good so his resignation was no shock with viewing figures hitting an all-time low on one of my favourite shows.

As a Wolverhampton Wanderers fan I've been glued to my PC this week as news continues to filter through of a massive takeover at Molineux. Apparently one of China's richest men is about to pump millions into the club. It's an exciting proposition as long as it doesn't mean we have to eat noodles at half time instead of the customary pie.



The Welshpool and Oswestry area has many attractions for staycationers including the magnificent Powis Castle



Visitors to National Trust venues such as Attingham Park have increased for the past four years according to tourism bosses

Holidaymakers opting to stay closer to home

MAT GROWCOTT looks at the growing trend for UK families to swap foreign travel for a 'staycation'

THE staycation looks set to stick around as families continue to choose local attractions over travelling abroad.

New figures reveal that about 85 per cent of people plan to take a domestic holiday between now and the end of the year.

The report, released by Greene King Leisure Spend Tracker, comes after a Shropshire travel agent claimed the county is missing out on millions of pounds due to a lack of foreign visitors.

Janet Redler Travel & Tourism said that if just 10 per cent of the visitors who go to the Brecon Beacons National Park in Mid Wales came to the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it could boost the local economy by as much as £8 million.

Simon McCloy, chief executive of Shropshire Tourism, said that the domestic market is "easy to reach and more cost-effective to market to".

Richard Aldred, a spokesman for the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, said: "We continue to see a combination of both day visitors coming from across Shropshire and the West Midlands, alongside visitors staying in the many wonderful local B&Bs, hotels, camp and caravan parks and self-catering cottages. "From all the feedback we get we know that people think that Shropshire is a great place to visit, whether it's just for an afternoon stroll along the river or for two weeks of exploring the many excellent attractions and enjoying the many walks that the county has to offer."

"We look forward to welcoming many more visitors over the summer months



The South Shropshire Hills has the potential to greatly boost the local economy through tourism

as they come to take part in our many family workshops and activities."

Most tourist attractions within the area said that it was impossible to know from their figures whether or not a visitor was a staycationer or someone travelling from further afield.

However, figures have been up for Shropshire tourism so far this year, and businesses are hoping that the trend continues.

Michelle Morgans, a spokeswoman for RAF Museum Cosford, said: "It's very difficult to determine if our visitors are as a result of people holidaying at home."

"Our visitor numbers so far this year are up compared to the same period last year and we hope that this trend continues for the rest of this year."

The staycation took off during the economic downturn and looks set to

stay for the foreseeable future. Instead of leaving the country, holidaymakers are choosing to see the sights around England, Wales and Scotland or to stay at home to visit nearby sites.

Typical activities of a staycation include going swimming, visiting museums or parks or attending festivals.

Some staycations involve self-set rules, such as avoiding making plans, only visiting places within a certain distance of home or shaking up the usual routine. The advantages of a more local holiday include fewer costs, and less stress. Attingham Park, near Shrewsbury, and Sunnycroft, Wellington, have both seen year on year increases of visitors since March 2012, while visitors to Dudmaston, near Bridgnorth, have nearly doubled.

Jo Armstrong, marketing and communications consultant for the National

Trust, said the charity was "experiencing a rise in the number of visitors to our special places across Shropshire".

She added that the visitor figures so far this financial year are showing a similar upward trend, despite the changeable weather. From the Greene King report, households say they are "optimistic" about their holiday plans despite uncertainty around the outcome of the EU referendum, with 71 per cent expecting to take at least one trip between now and the end of the year. The average British household spent three per cent less on out-of-home leisure in May than the same time last year, at a total of £207 – likely because the school half-term holiday fell in June. The amount households spent on drinking out increased once more in May, by five per cent on April and two per cent year-on-year.

WORKING FOR YOU



I have chaired health meetings every two months with health providers, local councils and other interested parties, since the campaign to keep open the local maternity unit at Gobowen more than 10 years ago.

The Oswestry Health Group has helped pull together health provision locally. However it continues to be a concern for local people; I am clear that the current acute arrangements do not serve the people of North Shropshire well as people face a 40-minute journey to A&Es in either Shrewsbury or Telford.

We have seen key clinical specialities move to more advanced hospitals in the West Midlands; seriously ill patients have to travel to Stoke for heart and stroke treatment. The two separate A&Es are struggling to recruit enough quality consultants.

My longstanding preferred option for the future is to establish a state of the art Emergency Care Centre covering the whole of Shropshire. This would not just attract top class clinical specialists but would actually bring back skills and services to Shropshire, bringing them closer to local people. Balancing this, I want to see the bulk of care currently undertaken by the two distant A&Es delivered much closer to home in Urgent Care Centres in Oswestry and Whitchurch. At the last three meetings of the Oswestry Health Group there has been unanimous support for this proposal.

In Oswestry we won the case to bring x-ray and plastering services to the town. This has stopped people who have routine fractures from having to travel in pain, to Wrexham or Shrewsbury. These are the sort of services I would like to see provided by the Urgent Care Centres locally, carrying out the majority of A&E services with only the most serious, life threatening cases travelling to a state of the art hospital outside North Shropshire.

However delays in agreeing a final plan are now causing further problems.

I was first made aware of the problems that Richmond House Surgery was facing in the autumn and after a series of correspondence was assured that if funding did not come through then there would be a contingency plan in place. I was therefore surprised to hear in April that the practice intended to close. I organised a meeting on Friday with local GPs, practice managers and a director from the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group to discuss plans for the future of primary care in Whitchurch. I was pleased that short and long term plans have now been prepared. We decided to meet again on July 22 once finance for these proposals has been agreed.

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North Shropshire MP

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A: Provided you are named on the children's birth certificates and were present at the birth then you have parental responsibility. It is a criminal offence to take a child out of the UK without the consent of everybody with parental responsibility unless the court has given permission. However, if an Order has been made saying that the children are to live with your ex and she has what used to be called a Residence Order, she may take the children out of the UK for a month at a time without consulting you.

With regard to her partner, it is usually assumed that a parent is able to make a decision as to whom the children should spend time with whilst they are in that parent's care. So unless you have serious concerns as to her new partner's suitability to be around children there is not much you can do.

Nevertheless, in relation to your planned holiday, I would suggest that you make an urgent application to the Court for a Specific Issue Order whereby you will be asking the Court to uphold the agreement reached between you and the children's mother that they would go on holiday with you. If the Court makes such an Order it will also order the passports to be delivered up to you.

When considering whether to make the Order, the Court will simply have regard to whether the holiday is in the 'best interests' of the children, as per the Children Act 1989. A solicitor can advise help you with the application.

This question has been answered by Alison Peters, a Partner with GHP Legal.

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Get out of EU as quickly as we can

THERE has been statements from the Remain camp of dire problems because of the UK voting to leave the EU.

All these statements have contained the words "may, possible and could" but none have stated what they say will actually occur. When the UK left the ERM in the 1990s the prophets of doom were saying the same that the UK would be worse off, they were subsequently proved wrong.

Many believe that the UK receives more money back from the EU in grants than what we pay in. They are totally wrong. Figures issued by the Treasury show that we pay into the EU £350 million per week

but when all the subsidies are returned the UK is still paying over £160 million per week into the EU.

Farmers are not allowed to grow what they wish just as fishermen have to throw back fish they are not allowed to land and may only fish for a set number of days per year while fishermen of other EU countries are not bound by the same restrictions.

Cameron himself had admitted that the UK can survive outside the EU. This government has been instructed by the EU to build 200,000 new homes in 2016 purely for immigrants, they may not be given to UK residents. Those who believe that we will

be better off in than out are putting this country into the hands of a dictator which is what the EU Commission is as they are not elected but appointed and answerable to no one. Small industry bosses have their hands tied by EU regulations which state that before a man can climb a ladder he has to go on a training course on how to place the ladder safely.

The sooner that the UK leaves this elite dictatorial club the food prices, fuel prices house prices all will come down and our industry will start to expand again.

R KNIGHT
Newport

Novel way to find answer to questions about our A&E

WE all should be aware of the A&E debate regarding the closure of one or other of the Shrewsbury or Telford hospitals services.

I understand that the root cause is the difficulty in recruiting suitably qualified people.

This has, in turn, led to insufficient staffing levels to maintain the requirement of providing a 24/7 service without amalgamating the two services and so providing medical staff with a little sleep. The choice of which hospital will be chosen is yet to be made.

Our government thinks the cost of the NHS in general is far too high as indeed the cost of all things that could be termed as public services.

It would seem that the great and the good that fill the halls of Shropshire County Council may have in fact resolved some of this issue in an unexpected and novel way in particular those costs of the NHS and in part the costs of public transport.

Firstly, under the pressure from our esteemed national government and the desire of our county council to appear as good, upstanding, obedient, willing members of their own national ruling political party, bus services are to be cut.

Secondly, having removed public transport services this creates a situation that those without their own transport, who are unthinkingly stupid as to live outside the main conurbations will no longer be able to attend hospital.

KEVIN JONES
Stoke Heath

Lay down the law for us all

THE police seem to be rather selective in which laws they will carry out.

It has just been reported that they will go easy on the new law that bans the use of legal highs, the law has just come into effect, banning the use of and supply of these items.

These narcotics have killed over 400 people in the past.

Just watch out if you are driving without a seatbelt or having a sandwich while driving, after all the law is the law and should be carried out without any discrimination on the part of the police force.

The police seem to be a law unto themselves, just look at the goings-on in some police area authorities.

If you are burgled you might be lucky enough to get a crime number, but see a bobby, never.

And as for 'elf and safety' they have just told ticket inspectors not to punch all the passengers tickets on a busy train as it might give them repetitive strain injury - just what world are we living in today?

No wonder Britain has lost its greatness. Just how long will it be before the 'elf and safety' ban all running and walking as we might get blisters on our feet.

Just where do these people come from?

K BEDDIS
Yockleton

Poster spells out road crossing message



Local artist Tony Hobbs shows a road safety officer his poster above Oswestry's only zebra crossing, in Church Street, in October 1974. Many pedestrians had not been using the town's only zebra crossing correctly, so the secretary of the town's road safety committee was giving them a ticking off in the form of a large poster drawn by local artist Mr Hobbs.

We should make sure we invest in people properly

MONEY, Money, Money – so the song goes.

Money seems to go so quickly, that debt is rising everywhere especially in public services, or if not debt, then the very real threat of it, without huge cut backs.

Real, meaningful investments are needed in so many areas of our lives, starting with training that will be applied to real life situations and jobs. Everyone, from the youngest child, needs to be encouraged, not pushed, to do their own best, never made to feel a failure, unless they have chosen not to make any effort. Or, is it lack of appreciation for what they can do, that is holding them back?

Money is holding back a reasonable quality of life for many and money is getting tighter, so why invest in projects like HS2, benefitting so few, damaging many directly and perhaps millions more?

Services are cut, buses no longer run, the NHS and care services are stretched to almost breaking point.

Come on, invest in people.

BRENDA FLOWERS
Newport

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NHS staff gave a great service

FOLLOWING my recent heart attack, I feel I must write about my experience and the wonderful care I received from Shropdoc, the Ambulance Service, A&E and Ward 24C at Shrewsbury under the care of Dr Wallbridge and the excellent staff. Food was good and the ward very clean. The good care continued at Telford and Stoke Hospitals. I would also like to thank Doctors K and S McCormack and all the caring staff at Worthen Medical Practice.

LIZ TUFFIN
Marton

New commissioner has to make abuse his major priority

WE have written to the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia to urge him to put the fight against domestic violence at the top of his agenda. In the letter we said the definition of domestic abuse now includes coercive control, a pattern of intimidation, degradation, isolation and control with the use or threat of physical or sexual violence, as well as actual violence.

Cuts in local funding need to be reversed to provide strategic solutions for family housing options; face to face support for victims; programmes to help victims; a funding commitment for refugees and charities dealing with domestic violence; education and awareness to bring about long-term changes in behaviour; police training to provide a sensitive response that results in more effective prosecution and support for victims. This should be a priority for the commissioner and we hope he will respond positively.

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Best Western Bellevue Rheinhof, Boppard ★★★★★

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Changes will be made to studies at town campus

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NORTH Shropshire College is expanding its vocational programme – a decision which means it will discontinue A-levels provision for new students at its Oswestry campus from September.

Principal Jackie Doodson, said that, while A level provision in the area had increased, there was a gap for high quality skills development.

She stressed that learners who were currently studying at the college would be able to finish their A-levels.

The decision has led to some job losses for A-level lecturers however Mrs Doodson said there had been no compulsory redundancies and some job gains in the vocational areas.

She said some staff were continuing at the college in other roles.

Mrs Doodson said: "There is a gap for high quality skills development and the college is expanding and investing in these areas. It wants to ensure young people and adults are better equipped with the skills and knowledge they need to contribute to the local economy through self employment, or to meet demand from local employers who have skills gaps."

The college has reassured students that A-levels are not the only qualifications that lead to university places.

Mrs Doodson said: "All our students who take BTEC and other vocational courses who want to go to university are able to secure good places at good universities. We hear from universities that they think BTEC students are well prepared with well rounded study skills."

"Some of our qualifications, including sport and teacher training are equivalent to degrees." North Shropshire College is investing in higher level programmes to meet what is recognised as a shortage of high level technical skills in some areas.

The principal said: "New programmes will strengthen the existing portfolio which covers accounting business, media, sport, teacher training, animal management, beauty, motor vehicle, construction and wildlife and countryside."

College's outstanding result



Staff and pupils at Derwen College at Gobowen gather to celebrate their successful Ofsted report, which is the third in a row

THE Derwen College has received its third consecutive outstanding Ofsted grading after its latest inspection.

The specialist college, based at Gobowen, was the first independent college for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities to be judged outstanding in 2005.

Chief executive Ruth Thomas said: "Being outstanding three times consecutively is awe-

some. It's all about the students and our students are the best. It's also about making a difference.

"This is such an accolade for the college, a wonderful acknowledgement of the dedicated staff we have. On a personal level I am absolutely overwhelmed. I believe our commitment to influence and drive change nationally helps us continue to provide the very best in education for our amazing learners."

The college's campus attracts students from across the region and further afield.

Work is focussed to give students the skills they need for employment and the experiences to help them live as independently as possible in the future.

The college offers both day and residential placements and has three satellite sites at Higher Penley near Wrexham and at Walford and Craven Arms in north and south Shropshire.

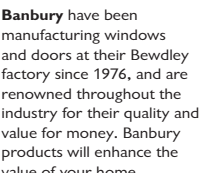
Mrs Thomas said that Ofsted gave the outstanding grading across the board for the areas of effectiveness of leadership and management,

quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, outcomes for learners and overall effectiveness.

Meryl Green, head of education and training, said "We are immensely proud of this result. The outcome of the inspection highlights the unique work that goes on here at Derwen College. Inspectors were clearly impressed by the culture we have developed so that all staff have very high expectations of students and, as a result, students are supported and challenged to achieve their very best – and they do."

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Three peaks walk raises £5,000 for patient care

A TEAM of walkers has raised £5,000 to help improve care for patients at the end of their life.

The walkers took on the Three Peaks Challenge in under 24 hours for the Swan Fund at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust which runs the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

The team from SJ Roberts Construction and Lowfield Timber Frames, based in Marton, between Shrewsbury and Welshpool, tackled the highest peaks in England, Scotland and Wales for the fundraiser.

The nine walkers, supported by two drivers, started at the base of Ben Nevis in Scotland before going on to tackle Scafell Pike in the Lake District and finishing on top of Snowdon in Wales 21-and-a- half hours later, raising around £5,500 in the process.

Oliver Heighway, a buyer with the SJR Group, which runs SJ Roberts Construction and Lowfield Timber Frames, said: "The Three Peaks Challenge was a really enjoyable experience for all of us.

"It was tough going at times, but we received incredible support from people all along the way which kept us going."

SJ Roberts Construction was also involved in the £1.89 million refurbishment of facilities for bereaved families at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, which was officially opened last December.

The company was so moved by the work to improve care for those at the end of their life that they made a donation towards a special bereavement garden at the new Swan Bereavement Suite before deciding to tackle the Three Peaks Challenge for the Swan Fund.

Police operation brings criminal gang to justice

Report by Andrew Morris

A DETERMINED undercover police operation unearthed an organised criminal gang prepared to use weapons to inflict violence and terrorise their victims.

The gang are now starting jail sentences totalling more than 56 years as a judge praised the police and said their work had prevented serious harm to many people and their property.

One of the men is from Chirk, near Oswestry.

"The focussed, determined and hugely effective covert operation – Operation Trimeter – targeted the activities of a criminal gang operating in North East Wales," Judge Geraint Walters, told Mold Crown Court.

"They formed part of an underworld which operated beneath the radar."

The head of the gang which terrorised people, including one family forced to flee their home, was jailed for 14 years.

William Smith, 45, was hired to intimidate the family who had to leave home for their own safety.

Smith's 10-strong gang received sentences ranging from 18 months to 10 years.

Judge Walters said: "The evidence the police managed to unearth during the operation, established that an organised gang was operating in that part of Wales whose activities involved, among other things, supplying drugs, carrying out beatings, and inflicting damage to property."

Smith and 10 others admitted a series of offences.

Daniel Michael Goodwin, 24, of Ash Grove, Chirk, admitted transferring ammunition to a prohibited person and was given two years in jail.

Gran, 100, reveals long life secret



Fanny Owen, who celebrated her 100th birthday, with a congratulations card from the Queen

THE secret to a long life is plenty of fresh air and exercise, according to a woman who has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Fanny Owen, who lives with her daughter Jenny and son-in-law Colin in St Martins, near Oswestry, celebrated the milestone with her family and friends. Mrs Owen, who has

four grandchildren, Andrea, Martin, Barry and Rachel, and two great grandchildren, Harry and James, was born in Clee St Margaret, before moving to Hordley, near Ellesmere, at the age of seven. She married her husband William Owen – known as Bill – in February 1941, and they were happily married for 52 years,

living in the Ellesmere area and St Martins, before Bill died in 1993.

Mrs Owen said she believed an active lifestyle, including plenty of walking, as well as her keen interest in gardening had helped to keep her fit and healthy over the years. The church had also played an important role in her life, she said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Advice group's help with pensions

CITIZENS Advice Shropshire is encouraging people over 50 with a defined contribution pension to get to grips with their pension.

In free 45-minute sessions, guidance staff at Citizens Advice Shropshire help people to understand their pension options in clear, easy to understand language.

The appointments are tailored to the individual, taking into account the value of their pension pot and their plans for retirement. David Prince, guidance specialist, at Citizens Advice Shropshire said: "The world of pensions can be confusing. People can be put off by the numbers, the terminology, and the calculations involved.

"Pension Wise is a free service which is here to help people make sense of their options. We offer face to face appointments in Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Ludlow, Whitchurch and Telford which are tailored to each individual, depending on their wants and needs for retirement."

To book a face to face or telephone appointment call 0800 138 8292.

Crew attends fire at hotel laundry

A FIRE broke out in the laundry room at a Shropshire hotel.

Firefighters were called out to attend a blaze at the Lion Quays shortly before 10.50pm on Wednesday last week. Two crews from Oswestry attended, as well as an operations officer. A spokesperson for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said a quantity of linen was involved in the fire in the ground floor linen drying area of the hotel. Nobody was injured in the blaze.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Superfast link 'remains on track'

A SCHEME to deliver superfast broadband to 655,000 premises in Wales is on schedule – despite residents claiming it is going to miss its summer deadline and fears of changes post-Brexit.

The Superfast Cymru contract was set up to connect 96 per cent of businesses and homes excluded from commercial roll-out and the project has so far reached 581,000 premises across Wales, according to BT and the Welsh Government. Concerns have been raised from residents in rural areas of Mid Wales about the deadline being met, although Superfast Cymru insisted it was “on track”.

The latest Welsh Government figures from March showed only 57 per cent of eligible customers in Powys are connected. However, BT and the Welsh Government said the original contract in on schedule and testing and verification will be carried out during the summer.

999 air service to increase operation

A FOURTH air ambulance will be introduced in Wales making it the biggest operation in the UK.

The Wales Air Ambulance said it will introduce a new helicopter in Cardiff to add to its current bases in Welshpool, Llanelli and Caernarfon.

Angela Hughes, Wales Air Ambulance chief executive, said: “It’s always been our vision to expand our fleet so we can help more patients, and to have a base in Cardiff. Although the city has a full transport infrastructure, its success as a commercial capital means air transfer to hospital can be the quickest way to convey patients. Subject to a successful six-month trial period, the fourth helicopter and its Cardiff satellite base will become a permanent new resource for the Wales Air Ambulance.”

Doubts over libraries lead to isolation fears

Report by Naomi Penrose

RURAL communities losing their library services could lead to health problems caused by social isolation, it has been claimed.

Councillor Viola Evans has spoken of the importance libraries have on rural communities, following the conclusion of Powys County Council’s consultation on library services on Sunday.

She said many people who used community libraries included children and elderly people who relied on them for access to computers and in some cases to see people.

The authority is looking to save £250,000 on the cost of running library services over the next three years.

Councillor Evans, who is town and county councillor for Llanfair Caereinion, said: “A rural community losing its library service could be absolutely detrimental.

“There are children who use Llanfair’s library who don’t have computers at home, and then there are the elderly who also don’t have a computer but use one at the library to send emails to their friends and family, then come back the following day to read their reply. Their visits to the library could be the only time they talk to somebody all week, losing the library would only make the problem of social isolation worse, which of course contributes towards people’s health and wellbeing.”

Councillor Graham Brown, cabinet member responsible for libraries, said: “Powys libraries are highly regarded by residents and what we are trying to do via this exercise is look at all options and invite proposals, views and ideas so we can find new and innovative ways to keep them open wherever possible.”

Horse hauled to safety from pit



Images of the rescue were shared by @WelshpoolFire on Twitter

A HORSE had to be rescued after falling into a pit in Mid Wales.

Fire crews from Welshpool and the specialist animal rescue crew from Wellington in Shropshire were called to a farm in Berriew after the animal got stuck.

Specialist equipment had to be used to lift the animal out of the pit.

Using harnesses, small tools and ladders, the Shropshire crews worked with teams from Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service to get the animal free.

A spokesman for Mid & West Wales Fire Service said: “We were called to one male horse which had fallen into a vehicle inspection pit inside one of the farm buildings.

“It was rescued using mechanical lifting equipment from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.”

They shared pictures of the rescue on social networking site Twitter.

The crews were called at 7.45pm on Sunday.

The animal was freed by 9.45pm.

It was then taken back into the fields by its owners.

A vet was on scene at the rescue to check the condition of the animal during the rescue.

Reports of scams sparks new warning

SCAMMERS have been using cold calls and high-pressure sales tactics on victims in Mid Wales.

Powys County Council said that a number of incidents have been reported in the county in recent days.

Councillor John Powell, cabinet member for Trading Standards, said: “Scams come in a variety of guises and we see new ones emerging all the time. However, there are common hallmarks to every scam and we’re keen to show people what to look out for so they don’t fall prey to a fraudster. Reporting suspicious offers and incidents of fraud is vital to getting scams closed down. If you think you’ve been contacted by a con artist or have been the victim of scam, seek advice and report it to the authorities.”

Clive Jones, the council’s professional lead for Trading Standards, said: “Scams are more common than most people realise and every day we hear from people who have lost money to a con-artist. Some scams are one-offs that persuade you to part with a lump sum, while others go after your personal details so they can access your money or copy your identity.”

Ramblers head to the Clun area

THE next Welshpool Ramblers walk will be on Sunday when Geoff McLean will lead a nine-mile circular walk from Clun, going through Whitcott Keyset on to Mardru over the Hergan and back to Clun.

Meet at 9am in the car park beside the Welshpool Tourist Centre (OS grid ref SJ 225 075), from where transport may be available. Those wishing to go straight to the starting point should be at the Clun Village Memorial Hall Car Park (Grid Ref. SJ 225 075) ready for a 10am start.

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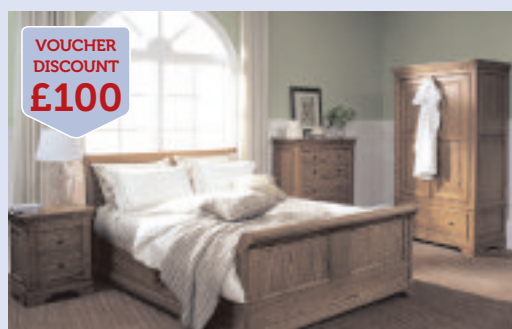
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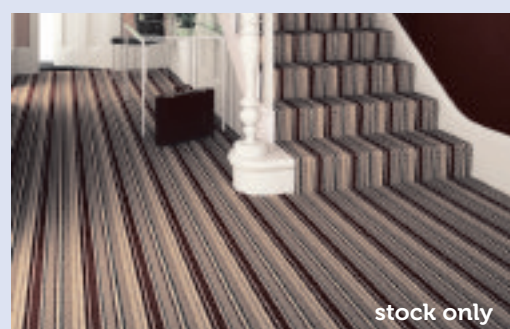
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Town is streets ahead for service

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Attractive shops and businesses on Albion Hill, Beatrice Street and Leg Street add to Oswestry's shopping experience



Leg Street, Beatrice Street and Albion Hill have a wide variety of businesses

AS anyone who knows Oswestry will tell you, the town is a great place to live, work and shop.

Shoppers come from near and far to enjoy everything the town offers.

The town is renowned for its mix of independent retailers who operate alongside some of the best known high street chains. The warm and personal service the small independent businesses give to shoppers means people come back to the town centre time and time

By Naomi Penrose

again. That excellent service is found among the traders and owners of businesses in Beatrice Street, Leg Street and Albion Hill in the town centre. Situated in the heart of the town's retail and business area, the three streets have a huge variety of businesses to choose from which will meet many of your needs.

While some of the businesses in the area have been in Oswestry for generations, other

businesses in the area are relatively new to the town.

Young and old businesses alike, they all give a fantastic service to shoppers who appreciate their friendly and helpful advice and their hard-to-beat prices.

Being so close to the town's market on the Bailey Head allows the firms and businesses on Leg Street, Beatrice Street and Albion Hill to enjoy the extra footfall that brings.

The markets are within easy walking dis-

tance of Beatrice Street, Leg Street and Albion Hill. Oswestry has a proud history as a market town and its markets continue to be a vital part of community life. The markets provide a diverse, and often unusual, range of interesting stalls, selling and providing a vast range of services.

Markets have been a major part of the trading and historical importance of Oswestry and have existed for many centuries. As well as the market, Oswestry has many attractions for

people of all ages to enjoy. One of the town's most significant landmarks is Old Oswestry Hillfort, which experts say is one of the most important forts of its kind in Europe.

And Oswestry's Cae Glas Park is used as a base for many of the town's regular events and festivals, particularly in the summer. Other town centre attractions close by include the Kinokulture cinema, the Attfield Theatre and there is always plenty going on at Oswestry Library.



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Cash boost thrills town organisation

BOSSES at Qube in Oswestry say they are thrilled to have been awarded funding from the Morgan Foundation to continue their popular social group and shopping services for the next three years.

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AM urges mobile phone firm to speed up plans

Report by Naomi Penrose

ONE of the country's largest mobile phone providers has been told it must speed up plans to improve "unreliable or non-existent" signal coverage in the region.

Russell George, Assembly Member for Montgomeryshire, has called on Vodafone to expedite its plans to improve mobile coverage in Mid Wales at a meeting with the operator in the Senedd.

The newly appointed Welsh Conservative spokesman for the economy met the mobile phone provider to hear about its plans to improve the coverage and capacity of their network in Mid Wales. Mr George said investment in "world class" mobile infrastructure is crucial for people and local businesses. He said: "Mobile phones have become an essential part of people's lives and investment in world class mobile infrastructure is fundamental for Mid Wales to compete with its urban counterparts. It is still a bugbear of mine that residents in Cardiff enjoy superfast 4G mobile coverage while many residents in rural Montgomeryshire still suffer with unreliable 2G or non-existent mobile services."

Graham Dunn, senior government affairs manager at Vodafone added: "As part of our major nationwide investment plan, we are improving the coverage and capacity of our network across the UK, including in Montgomeryshire. Our plans will mean that the majority of people are able to access the benefits of the mobile internet. In order to deliver these improvements, we need a number of factors to be in place, including planning permission, agreements with landlords and good quality connections into the rest of the network from BT Openreach."

Rivals happy to fly the flag for Euros



Ricardo Garcia was cheering on Portugal last night while Leah Roberts was hopeful Wales would win

SUPPORT for the Welsh football team hit fever pitch this week as Gareth Bale and the boys faced Portugal last night (Wednesday) in the European Championship.

But it was the Portuguese flag that was flying in one Shropshire home for the big Euro 2016 semi-final.

Ricardo Garcia moved from Lisbon to the UK five years ago, settling in Oswestry three years ago. The 30-year-old said Wales deserved to be in the semi-finals - but admitted

that Portugal were lucky to be there.

Speaking ahead of last night's Wales v Portugal clash, Ricardo said he was hopeful that Ronaldo's magic would come good on the night.

He works at the Prezzo restaurant in the town but made sure last night that he was at home watching the game with wife Caterina and children Santiago, seven, and Leonora, two.

"I was in Swansea before we moved to Oswestry and I have a lot

of Welsh friends. The Welsh team has a very big heart," he said.

Working close by in Lawrence's Direct is Wales supporter Leah Roberts. The 17-year-old moved to Oswestry a year ago from Denbigh.

"I am Welsh through and through," she said. "The Belgium game was great, but nerve-wracking."

Pubs on both sides of the Shropshire/Powys border were expecting to be full for tonight's match.

Skills group looking for reassurance on EU funds

THE organisation that represents work-based learning providers in Wales is calling on Prime Minister David Cameron to confirm that the UK Government will compensate for any loss of European funding currently invested in the country following the Brexit vote.

The National Training Federation for Wales (NTFW), which has more than 100 members with links to 35,000 employers across Wales, is calling on the UK Government and Westminster politicians to ensure the delivery of pre-referendum pledges that there will be no reduction in money spent in Wales.

The NTFW supports First Minister Carwyn Jones's urgent call for clarity from the Prime Minister and has written to David Cameron to seek clarification.

Between 2014-20, the Welsh Government had planned to invest £245 million of EU funds to support people into work and raise skills through programmes such as apprenticeships, REACT, Bridges into Work, Working Skills for Adults and Upskilling @ work.

In the same period, £95m of EU funds was scheduled to have been invested to support young people through programmes such as Jobs Growth Wales and Traineeships.

Interim chairperson Sarah John met minister for skills and science Julie James on Wednesday for important talks with the aim of allaying employers' fears about the future funding of work-based learning programmes.

Mrs John said: "We share the Welsh Government's disappointment with the referendum result and understand that the UK leaving the EU will have significant impact on the availability of funding for the delivery of its skills policy, supported by European funding."

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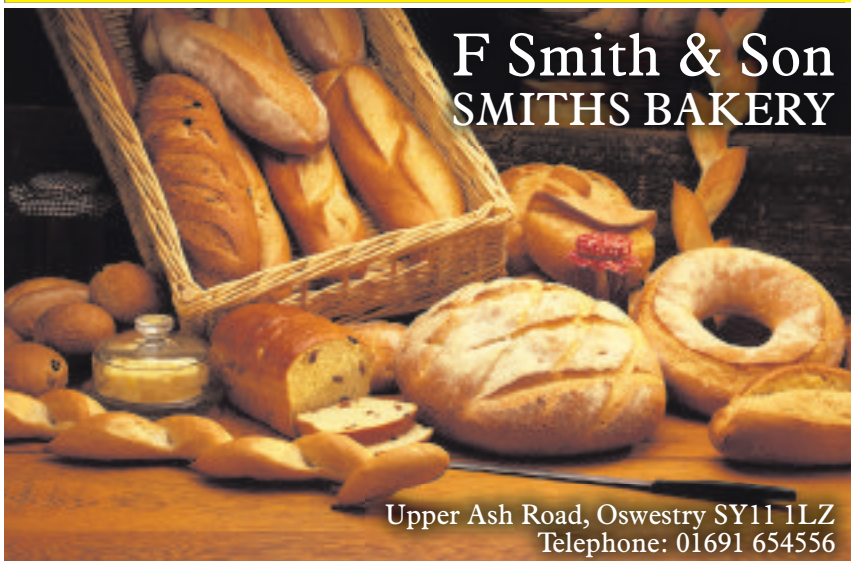
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Items are stolen from workshop

POLICE are investigating the theft of a chainsaw and hedge trimmer.

The items were taken from a workshop in Mid Wales, according to officers from Dyfed-Powys Police.

The break-in occurred sometime between the hours of 11am and 4pm on Friday last week.

The theft occurred in the Mellington/Churchstoke area of Powys.

The workshop was entered by an unknown person.

Taken from within it was an orange coloured Husqvarna 16" chainsaw and an orange coloured Husqvarna Hedge Trimmer.

Both were in used condition and have identifying marks.

If anyone knows anything about this crime, or has any information regarding these items, contact Newtown Police Station on 101.

Club says thanks for huge support

THANKS have been passed on to the people who supported the Rotary Club of Oswestry's street collection on June 18.

And further thanks have been passed on to Morrison's supermarket and its customers for a bucket collection in the store on June 17 and June 18. Hazel Yates from the rotary club said: "In this climate of financial difficulty and uncertainty, events such as this allow the club to continue to be able to make significant contributions to local charities and good causes, which is especially important for those organisations at a time when many of them struggle to receive grants and donations. This year, donations of £920.83 were gratefully collected.

"The money will be distributed to Oswestry Stroke Club, the Shropshire Deaf and Hard of Hearing Forum, the Leonard Cheshire Home (Dolywern), St John Ambulance, the Derwen College, Young Carers Oswestry and other rotary good causes."

Cash boost for Mens Shed group from lottery organisation

A GROUP for men is quids in thanks to the Three Parishes Big Local organisation.

A cheque for £2,260 was handed over to Oswestry Mens Shed from the Three Parishes Big Local's Big Grants scheme.

The money will be used by the Mens Shed group to improve their shed or buy tools and machinery.

Members of the Three Parish Big Local group, which serves the Gobowen, St Martins and Weston Rhyn area, were given a tour of the Mens Shed building and enjoyed talking to the members.

Three Parishes Big Local chairman Nick Heard said: "The Three Parishes Big Local Partnership are pleased to support Oswestry Mens Shed.

"The founder members have worked hard to get this project off the ground, recruit more members and make the group a success.

"They have created a safe, friendly and inclusive hub where men can get together."

Oswestry Mens Shed describe their shed as "a place for skill-sharing and informal learning, of individual pursuits and community projects; a place of leisure where men can come together to have a sense of purpose and social interaction."

The grant of £2,260 is from the Big Grants scheme which is used to fund projects that work towards achieving the aims of the Big Local Community Plan.

Other projects that have been funded include the St Martins Community First Responder Car, Wheels to Work and Gobowen Community Hub. Information about Three Parishes Big Local is available on the website at www.big-local.org, or by contacting the co-ordinator, Bridget Laraway at Qube in Oswald Road, Oswestry, or on 01691 656882. Alternatively people can contact b.laraway@qube-oca.org.uk.



The Three Parishes Big Local group hands over the cheque to Oswestry Mens Shed

Redundancy notices given to workers

REDUNDANCY notices have been issued to 60 Shropshire Council staff with more than 150 others the subject of consultation.

And the council has revealed it is selling off millions of pounds of development land and buildings in an effort to boost funds.

The authority, which has made 1,119 workers redundant over the last three years, said that the latest figures include voluntary and compulsory redundancies.

They are made up of 17 workers being made redundant from the council itself, and 43 from schools.

Another 73 council jobs are the subject of a 45-day consultation period, along with 99 members of school staff.

Last month Shropshire Council revealed it had spent £18.6 million on redundancies in the past few years, with 1,119 workers leaving the authority.

It said that 72 per cent of the job losses had come through voluntary redundancy.

The council's chief executive, Clive Wright, said the redundancies have saved the council £160 million and would result in further savings of £90 million each and every year in the future. He said: "Since 2009, Shropshire Council has had to save £146 million due to significant government funding cuts.

"Like all councils, we're faced with the need to make further substantial savings in the coming years and by 2020/21 we estimate that we'll need to save a further £77 million."

Councillor Alan Mosley, leader of the council's Labour group, claimed the notices are evidence of the reduction in council services.

He said: "This is yet more evidence of the direction of Shropshire Council and the massive erosion of services that are in place.

"It will soon be the case that Shropshire Council withdraws from everything that it does that does not have an actual statutory responsibility for and those services are reduced to the minimum."



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President's role delight for Moyra

By Sally Williams

THE director of a Shropshire-based business who is the president of this summer's Llanfyllin Show will host a party for 300 guests.

Moyra Griffiths is a director of Tudor Griffiths Group which supplies construction materials, building supplies, ready-mixed concrete, waste management and recycling.

Mrs Griffiths, of Aston Hall, Oswestry, who is married to Tudor Griffiths Group chairman Billy Griffiths, has strong family links with Llanfyllin through her late mother, Ethel Hughes, who lived there.

"It was very nice to be invited to become show president because of my family connections with Llanfyllin," she said. "My daughter Joy has exhibited her Highland cattle and Lleyn sheep, my grandchildren have competed in the showjumping and the Tudor Griffiths Group has had a trade stand at the show for many years. The company has many loyal customers in the Llanfyllin farming community and I spent many happy family holidays there with my cousins while growing up. I really believe that agricultural shows like Llanfyllin are important to showcase rural life and it's nice to see that it is growing and people are supporting it. I am looking forward to seeing all the different sections of the show on Saturday, August 13."

To celebrate her presidency, she will host a president's lunch at Aston Hall on July 24. Tickets for the lunch, which includes entertainment by harpists Greta and Gwenno Roberts and Adele Jones, cost £18.50 and are available from Llanfyllin Show secretary Jill Hollinshead on (01691) 828628.



Moyra Griffiths is the president of this summer's Llanfyllin Show



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Trader upset over theft from her stall

A MARKET trader has said she will be ramping up her business's security measures after thieves stole about £80 from her stall.

Carol Brennan, owner of the Kitchen Cafe at Oswestry Market, has spoken of her upset after her business fell victim to the thieves after it was closed up for the day on June 24.

Ms Brennan said the cafe closed up at 3pm – an hour before the market closes at 4pm, and believes the theft happened at about 3.30pm. She estimates her business has lost about £100 in total, with £50 taken from her till, as well as money taken from a tips jar and coins in two pint glasses. Items of food were also taken, including four packs of bacon, sausages and milk.

“The amount isn't huge but a loss of any sum affects a small business, that's our profit gone and of course it doesn't feel very nice, and I don't want to be suspicious of everyone and judge people but I will have to be more diligent and watch out,” she said.

“Where we are is quite open, so I'm going to look into getting some shutters so that once we're closed, nobody could help themselves. “It's a shame because we've been at the market for four years now and we've never had a theft before, so we have been lucky until now.

Ms Brennan said after hearing about the theft, another trader in the market said they had noticed two “strange people” walking around the market.

She said: “The man was putting stuff in a bag, and apparently the woman was watching out for him.

“When the trader approached them, he said they were quite intimidating, I believe the pair are in their early 20s.”

Restaurant to host play

ONE of Shakespeare's most endearing comedies will be performed at an open air theatre event in Oswestry next week.

Oswestry Drama Project will perform The Merry Wives of Windsor at The Townhouse in Willow Street, with a cast including members of the area's drama groups. Following their successes with The Tempest, Much Ado about Nothing and A Midsummer Night's Dream, the group will perform in the walled garden at the Townhouse next week.

The performances will be staged at The Townhouse on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

These performances will be followed by performances in Chirk Castle Gardens on Friday and Saturday next week with all performances beginning at 7.30pm.

The play follows the fortunes of Falstaff who is on his uppers and hatches a scheme to woo Mistress Ford and Mistress Page – the wives – and to con them out of their husband's money. The Townhouse dining room will be open from 5.30pm for pre-theatre dinner, while audiences at Chirk will be invited to bring their own chairs and picnic to the event.

Tickets are £8, while under 16s go free, and tickets are available from The Townhouse, Rowanthorn in Chapel Court, Chirk Castle, by calling (01691) 653413 and on the door each night.

Cider lovers are in for tasty treat

CIDER lovers will be able to enjoy a range of UK-wide draught craft ciders during a pub's 17-day festival.

The festival will take place at The Wilfred Owen pub in Willow Street, Oswestry from tomorrow (Friday) until July 24.

The pubs will serve 25 ciders including some not previously available in the pub and others produced exclusively for the festival.

Pub manager Russell Price said: “The Wilfred Owen pub will be offering a selection of ciders during the 17-day festival. We are confident that they will appeal to cider lovers and those enjoying cider for the first time.

“One of the ciders – Cidre Normandie – has been made by a visiting French cider maker from Normandy in collaboration with an English cider maker.”

The festival selection will feature apple, pear and fruit ciders.

They include award-winning ciders, a cider made with sloe berries and a cider matured in oak vats.

Village show will be packed with entertainment



Middletown Village Show is a great opportunity for the community to get together

PREPARATIONS for a village show in Mid Wales are well under way with the big day fast approaching.

Organisers of Middletown Village Show, near Welshpool, say there will be a falconry display for the first time, plus Penybontfawr Male Voice Choir, a fell run, a dog show and Punch

and Judy. The show will be held on Saturday, starting with the dog show at 12.30pm.

There will also be displays by vintage, classic and rally vehicles, a fair organ, craft stalls, archery, and tug-of-war competitions.

Judy Evans, show secretary, said: “Entertainment includes a falconry display at about



The tug of war at Middletown Village Show also proves popular

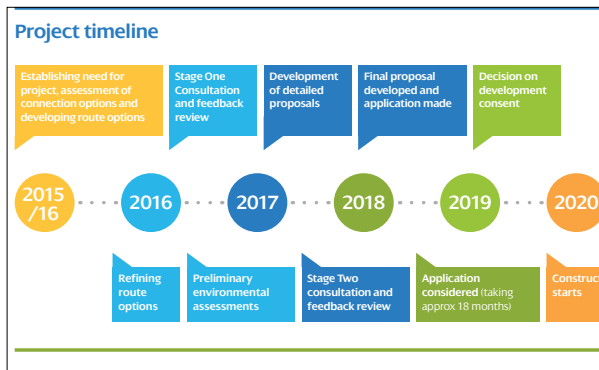
3pm – just after the fell run has started up Middletown Hill.

“There will also be a village green area with lots of traditional competitions, including hook-a-duck, spin-the-wheel, bash-the-rat, and a coconut shy.

“Penybontfawr Male Voice Choir will per-

form a couple of times during the afternoon.” She added: “Children are well catered for with Professor Humo Magic – and Punch & Judy, children's sports, the ruby fair organ, bouncy castle, balloon modelling, glitter tattoos, a young farmer's egg throwing competition and lots more.”

Light at end of tunnel for electricity supply problem



SP Energy Networks have released consultation documents and a timeline

Report by Naomi Penrose

IT has been blamed for job losses and the relocation of existing businesses.

But now a major step is being taken to increase the electricity capacity in towns across north Shropshire, including Oswestry, Wem and Whitchurch.

Scottish Power (SP) Energy Networks, which is behind the project, says the upgrade will help support existing and new businesses as well as new residential developments being built in the area.

The investment will see a new 132,000 volt overhead wooden pole power line built between Oswestry and Wem.

The proposal is to build a new line between Oswestry substation at the A5/A495 roundabout, and Wem substation in Ellesmere Road on the western side of Wem.

The firm plans to build the new overhead line using a wood pole Trident design – each of the poles are about 12 metres high.

Several consultation events are being held in the region in July to allow residents to find out more about the scheme.

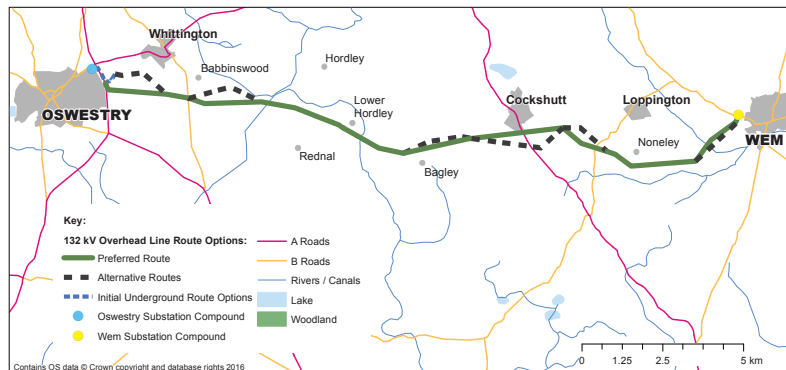
Mayor of Oswestry Councillor Paul Milner said: “I welcome Scottish Power's investment into the local area, which is certainly needed with new housing and developments planned as well as local businesses. This investment supports local development, improving our infrastructure.

“I encourage members of the public to go along to the consultation events and have their say, and raise any concerns or questions they may have.”

SP Energy Networks says the move will help attract business and housing investment and hopes to submit an application for a development consent order to allow it to go ahead, with a decision expected by 2020.



Trident style poles will be used in the project



The proposed route of the electricity line will go from Oswestry and through the Whittington area

Our community events and where

Our events are a great opportunity to ask us any questions you might have and find out more about the reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network. We look forward to meeting you there.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Wednesday 13th July	Whittington Community Centre, Oswestry SY11 4BS	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 14th July	Wem Town Hall, High Street, Wem SY4 5DG	3.30pm – 7.30pm
Monday 18th July	Cockshutt Millennium Hall, Cockshutt SY12 0JQ	3.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 19th July	Hordley and Bagley Village Hall, Lower Hordley, Nr Ellesmere SY12 9BQ	3.30pm – 7.30pm

A series of consultation events will be held in the area over the plans

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Period property comes with ground floor bungalow

Archways on Morda Road, Oswestry is a large period four-bedroomed town property with a snooker room, a second floor apartment and a separate ground floor bungalow.

It is for sale through JJ Dell & Co at £475,000. The spacious accommodation with a photovoltaic system (solar panels), gas fired central heating and a snooker room has scope for improvement. It has a covered porch, a reception hall with an oak staircase to the first floor, two store cupboards and a boarded floor, a dining room with a bay window and tiled fireplace with a gas fire and boarded floor.

There is also an open arch to a carpeted office area and a lounge with a bay window and attractive feature fireplace with a gas fire and a carpeted snug. The kitchen has a pantry cupboard, units with worktops, a sink and tiled floor and an open arch to a dining area with cupboards and a tiled floor and a utility room with a sink, plumbing for a washing machine and a tiled floor. The carpeted snooker room has a bar area and a full size snooker table and there is a downstairs WC.

The first floor galleried landing has a boarded floor and bedroom one has a bay window, fitted wardrobe and a boarded floor and an en-suite including a bath with a shower and screen and heated towel rail. Bedroom two has a bay window, fireplace and a boarded floor. Bedroom three has a bay window and a wash hand basin, while bedroom four has a wardrobe and wash hand basin.

The bathroom has a modern suite including a Jacuzzi bath, Sanisteam shower cubicle and wall and floor tiling. On the second floor is a two bedroomed apartment with a living room, kitchen and a bathroom.

Outside, the property has a tarmacadam driveway providing ample car parking and a turning area. This leads to a modern detached bungalow annexe.

This has an entrance hall with a utility area, a carpeted living room with a fireplace with an electric fire, two bedrooms with cupboards and a shower room. It also has a conservatory.

The good sized rear garden has a patio area and large high-spec hot tub.

KEY FEATURES

- Large period home
- Second floor apartment
- Ground floor bungalow
- Two bedroomed annexe
- Second floor flat

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An attractive Victorian end-of-terrace house with loft room, 16 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry is on the market through JJ Dell & Co for offers over £124,950. The property is within walking distance of Oswestry's shopping centre.

The property occupies a convenient position within the town only a few minutes' walking distance from the Bailey Head, Oswestry Library, the Methodist Church Playgroup and close to the town's shopping centre.

Woodside Primary School is also within five minutes' walking distance.

The property is an end of terrace house traditionally constructed of brick under a recently refurbished tiled roof.

The attractive accommodation has the benefit of gas fired central heating, modern fitted kitchen



and bathroom and provides a comfortable town house. There is an entrance hall, a sitting room with a fireplace and radiator, and a living room with solid fuel stove and wood burner, radiator and fitted carpet.

The property has a dining kitchen fitted with modern fitted wall and base units with sink unit and integrated appliances, radiator, quarry tiled floor. There is a first floor landing and a family bathroom, having fitted white suite comprising bath, low level WC, pedestal wash hand basin, shower cubicle with electric shower, radiator and fitted carpet.

Bedroom one has a fireplace, radiator and fitted carpet, as does bedroom two.

And there is a loft/bedroom three fitted with Velux window, eaves storage cupboard and fitted carpet.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



Attractive period family house enjoys a rural location

WEST FELTON
£495,000 >>>>

An attractive period family house situated in a rural location with extended flexible accommodation, Hailstones, West Felton, Oswestry also has lovely countryside views.

It is for sale through Balfours at £495,000.

It has a reception hall, a kitchen/family room, a sitting room, utility room, office, side entrance hall, a cloakroom, ground floor bedroom, ground floor bathroom, first floor lounge with a balcony, a master bedroom with a dressing room, two further bedrooms, a family shower room, gardens and grounds.

Hailstones is situated in a rural location, on the outskirts of the popular hamlet of West Felton. Local amenities are available in the village by way of a post office, primary school, pub, village hall and church, and the property is well located for commuting.

Contact Balfours on 01743 353511.



Semi-detached property is in a sought after village location

LLANFECHAIN
£189,500 <<<<

A spacious extended semi-detached family home, 4 Maes Mechain, Llanfechain, lies in a sought after village location.

Well maintained and tastefully decorated throughout, it is for sale through Town & Country at £189,500.

Having four bedrooms it is close to local amenities which include a primary and junior school, church, restaurant, community hall and the village community shop.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an enclosed porch, an entrance hall, a living room, a snug, a kitchen/diner, a rear hall, a WC, utility room, landing with built-in wardrobes, four bedrooms and a luxury family bathroom.

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- Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms and Shower Room.
- uPVC double glazing and gas central heating
- The property sits in generous gardens
- Large garage and off road parking.
- NO CHAIN. EPC Rating D '62'

Rhiwlas Oswestry £360,000

- An attractive 3 bedroom detached country house set in 1.7 acres
- Outstanding views over unspoilt countryside and a privately owned driveway
- uPVC double glazing and oil fired central heating
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Range of outbuilding including a double garage/workshop
- Barn and wash room (with electric and water supplies)
- Mature gardens and adjoining paddock.

Hayes View Oswestry £299,950

- Executive Detached Family Home situated in large plot in a private cul-de-sac
- Ent Hall, Cloaks, Lounge With double doors leading into Dining Rm, Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room overlooks the garden to the rear
- Utility Area leading directly into the integrated Double Garage
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite & 3 other Bedrooms & Family Bathroom
- Well maintained and secure South facing rear garden
- Large tarmac driveway with views towards open countryside.

Oswald Place Oswestry £124,950

- 3 Bed Town House with Original Features
- Within Walking Distance of Town Centre
- Kitchen Lounge, Cloakroom
- 2 Beds and Bathroom
- Master Bed with adj Dressing Room
- Private Courtyard Garden
- Gas Central Heating, D/G, EPC Rating F

Celyn House Weston Rhyn £324,950

- NO CHAIN - A substantial Detached 5 Bedroom Property
- The property is believed to date from circa 1900
- 3 Reception Rooms, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Cellar, 5 Bedrooms (2 en-suite) and Family Bathroom.
- Mature and well maintained gardens with two garages
- Ample off-road parking
- Oil central heating and hardwood double glazing
- EPC Rating G '18'

Coly Anchor Kinnerley £249,500

- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- The property has been maintained to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, large Conservatory
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Integral Garage/Utility
- Private and low maintenance gardens to the rear
- uPVC double glazing and oil fired central heating.

Maes Yr Ysgol Llanfchain £174,995

- A delightful 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated on a small residential cul-de-sac
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Porch
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- Lawned gardens to front and rear.
- A tarmac driveway and garage provide ample off-road parking
- Oil central heating and uPVC double glazed windows and doors
- NO CHAIN. EPC Rating E '51'

Station Road Weston Rhyn £99,950

- Spacious 2 Bed Mid-Terrace Property
- Lounge, large Kitchen/Diner, Utility
- Ground floor Family Bathroom
- 2 first floor Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Rear courtyard, drive & off-road parking
- uPVC double glazing and Gas C/H. EPC Rating D



Victorian house is in good sized plot

GOBOWEN

£200,000

The Manse on St Martins Road in Gobowen near Oswestry is a large semi-detached Victorian family house occupying a good size plot.

It is on the market with a guide price of £200,000 through JJ Dell&Co. There is no chain. The house benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, living room, sitting room, kitchen, bathroom and four bedrooms. There is also a cellar and the property enjoys a good size garden plot. The property also benefits from a garage and useful outbuilding.

For more information contact JJ Dell&Co on (01691) 653437 or 680212.



Property is within walking distance of town centre

OSWESTRY

£314,995

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The sale of 8 Ardmillan Close, Oswestry offers the rare chance to buy a three-bedroom detached house with a self-contained two-bedroom annexe, within walking distance of the town centre. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £314,995.

The main property has an entrance lobby, an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a rear hall, a utility room and WC, whilst on the first floor there are three double bedrooms, a bathroom and a separate shower room. The annexe accommodation includes a living room, a kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Both are warmed by gas central heating and there is double glazing throughout.

Outside there is ample off road parking and a garage and gardens.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367.

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CHARTERED SURVEYORS

GOBOWEN



GUIDE PRICE £116,500

- Modern Semi-Det. House Convenient For Village Facilities
- Ideal For Extension
- GFCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Two Bedrooms
- New Bathroom
- Garage & Ample Parking
- Large Corner Plot
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Band - Awaited
- JJD924

OSWESTRY



GUIDE PRICE £117,500

- Immaculate Terraced House
- Close To Local Shops, College & Leisure Centre
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two Bedrooms & Attic Space
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking For 2/3 Cars
- EPC Band - D
- JJD920

OSWESTRY



GUIDE PRICE £134,500

- Semi-Det. Bungalow with views overlooking Town
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Front And Rear Garden
- Decking
- Summer House And Store Room
- EPC Band - C
- JJD906

OSWESTRY



£118,500

- Modern Semi-Detached House
- Ideal FTB or Buy To Let
- Convenient for local facilities
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Entrance Hall
- Kitchen
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Ample Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens
- EPC Band - D
- JJD912

TREFONEN



GUIDE PRICE £450,000

- Most Attractive Village Property
- Large Garden And Paddock
- Uninterrupted South Facing Aspect
- Cloakroom
- Sitting Room And Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Side Entrance/Utility
- Four Beds (Master Bed. En Suite)
- Workshop, Double Garage, Outbuilding
- EPC Band F
- JJD900

WEST FELTON



GUIDE PRICE £272,500

- Well Appointed Three Bed. Detached House
- GFCH & PVC DG
- Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Cloakroom & Utility
- Conservatory
- Two En-Suites
- Garage & Parking
- Attractive South Facing Rear Garden
- Backing Onto Open Fields
- EPC Band - C
- JJD910

GOBOWEN



GUIDE PRICE £200,000

- Large Semi-Detached Victorian Family Village House
- Short Walking Distance Of Local Facilities
- GFCH & DG
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Sitting Room
- Four bedrooms
- Cellar
- Garage & Useful Outbuilding
- Good Sized Garden Plot
- EPC - Band D
- JJD899

RHYDYCROESAU, NR. OSWESTRY



GUIDE PRICE £189,500

- Exceptionally Well Appointed Welsh Stone Cottage
- GFCH & UPVC D/G
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- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Garaging
- Sun Room And Workshop
- Rear Terrace Garden
- EPC Band F
- JJD901

OSWESTRY



OFFERS OVER £124,950

- Victorian End Terrace House
- GFCH
- Two Reception Rooms
- Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms And Loft Room
- Modern Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Walking Distance Of Town & Woodside School
- EPC Band - E
- JJD853

GOBOWEN



OFFERS ON £79,950

- Close Care Residential Two Bed. Bungalow
- Attractive Purpose Built Complex
- CH & DG
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- UPVC Conservatory
- Enclosed Paved Yard
- Short Walking Distance To Office
- Rear Vehicle Access And Parking Area
- EPC Band - E
- JJD870

OSWESTRY - TO LET



RENT £8,000

- Excellent Long Established Pizza Restaurant
- Occupying Busy Trading Position
- A3 Planning Consent
- 456 sq. ft.
- Two Toilets
- Store Cupboard
- Rent - £8,000 Per Annum
- EPC Band - Awaited
- JJD080

ST. MARTINS - THREE PLOTS



PER PLOT £90,000

- Three Good Sized Building Plots
- Suitable For An Executive House
- O.P.P. For Single Dwelling
- Semi-Rural Location
- Close To Village Facilities
- South Facing Aspect Towards Shropshire Union Canal
- All Mains Services Available
- JJD867

OSWESTRY (01691) 653437 - (01691) 680212



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- Acrefair - Two Bedroom End Terrace - £475 pcm
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- Oswestry - One bedroom Flat - £420 pcm
- Llanrhaeadr YM - Three bed detached bungalow - £550 pcm
- Oswestry - Three bed End terrace - £575pcm
- Pant - Three Bed Detached cottage - £800 pcm
- Oswestry - Four Bedroom Semi Detached - £675pcm
- Plas Madoc - Two Bedroom Mid Terrace - £495 pcm
- Oswestry - Two Bedroom Mid Terrace - £475 pcm
- Fees apply for all rental properties.

GOBOWEN



- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

- Off Road Parking
- Village Location
- Rear Garden With Views

£89,950

OSWESTRY



- NO ONWARD CHAIN!!
- Two Bedroom Mid Mews
- Off Road Parking

- Edge Of Town Location
- Ideal First Time Buy
- Double Glazing/ Gas C.H.

Offers in the region of £129,950

OSWESTRY



- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms. EPC D.
- Finished to a High Standard
- Beautifully Presented
- uPVC Double Glazing
- Lawned Gardens
- Ample Parking

£279,950

LLANMYNECH



- Three Bedroom
- Master En-suite
- Contemporary Detached

- Legal Fee Incentive
- Dining Room
- Kitchen

Offers in the region of £144,500

HIRNANT



- NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Country Cottage
- In Need Of Full Modernisation

- Three Reception Rooms
- Stunning Rural Backdrop
- Gardens and Parking

Offers in the region of £159,950

LLANMYNECH



- FABULOUS POSITION
- Recently Updated
- Detached Bungalow
- Elevated Rural Views
- Three Bedrooms

- EPC C
- Set In Approx 1/4 Acre
- Garage and Cellar Storage
- Ample Parking
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Offers in the region of £225,000

BLACK PARK, CHIRK



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- A Delightful Country Cottage
- Two Bedrooms

- Beautifully Presented
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Log Burning Stove

Offers in the region of £145,000

FRONCSYLLTE



- STUNNING VIEWS!!
- Two Bedroom Cottage
- Well Kept Cottage Gardens

- Garden Shed
- Newly fitted Worcester Boiler
- Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £150,000

OSWESTRY



- No Chain !!
- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Late Victorian

- Upvc Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Private Rear Courtyard

Offers in the region of £145,000

OSWESTRY



- Modern Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Well Presented

- Off Road Parking
- Edge Of Town Location
- Upvc Double Glazing

Offers in the region of £163,950

LLANSILIN



- Pretty Mid-Terrace Cottage
- Village Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Luxury Bathroom

£169,950

WOOLSTON BANK, NR MAESBURY



- NO CHAIN!!!!
- Detached Cottage
- Rural Location
- Views

£186,000

LLANFECHAIN



- EARLY VIEWING ADVISED!!
- Superb Four Bedroom
- Semi-Detached Family Home

- Well Maintained Throughout
- Landscaped Gardens
- Off-Road Parking

£189,500

LLANMYNECH



- Three Bedroom Detached
- Well Presented Bungalow
- Private Location

- Beautiful Countryside
- Landscaped Gardens
- Self-Contained Log Cabin

£299,950

ST MARTINS



- Immaculately Presented
- Private Village Location
- Three Bedroom

Offers in the region of £275,000



- Beautiful Landscaped Garden
- Large Garage
- Off-Road Parking

LLANWDDYN, LAKE VYRNWY



- Beautiful Location
- Detached Stone Cottage
- Three Bedrooms

- Two Further Bathrooms
- Greenhouse
- Workshop

Offers in the region of £279,000

CHIRK



- Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom & Shower Room

£145,000

NANTMAWR



- Gothic Converted Chapel
- Lots of Potential
- Five Bedrooms
- Three En-Suites

£350,000

MEIFOD



- Character Country Cottage
- Three Bedrooms
- Rural Location
- Many Original Features

£340,000

FOUR CROSSES



- Spacious Four Bedroom
- Corner Plot
- Detached Family Home
- Superb Gardens

Offers in the region of £249,950

PONTFADOG



- Welsh Chapel for Conversion
- Full Planning Permission
- For Three Bedrooms
- Stunning Views

Offers in the region of £99,950

OSWESTRY



- NEW BUILD!!
- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Part Exchange option
- Luxury Designed Kitchen

£280,000



New build is in the heart of valley

DOLYWERN

£279,950

One of two new build properties in the heart of The Ceiriog Valley, Plot 1 New Houses, Dolywern, is for sale through Town & Country at £279,950.

The property comprises an entrance hallway, a kitchen/breakfast room a good sized living room and a separate dining room with French doors out to a patio. The kitchen is fitted with a Burford cream kitchen base and wall units with complementary tiling and work surfaces. There is a square bay window to the front. The property also has an utility, four bedrooms, master en suite, and a family bathroom.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 or visit www.townandcountryoswestry.com



Fine bungalow sits on the outskirts of popular village

WEST FELTON

£259,500

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A fine detached bungalow on the outskirts of a village, Oakdene, Oak Farm Lane, West Felton can be found down a quiet country lane.

Set well back from the road and with a tarmac driveway with ample parking, it is for sale through JJ Dell & Co with offers in the region of £259,500. It has a porch and entrance hall, living room, a modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms and a shower room.

Outside is a drive through car port with a heavy steel frame and concrete tiled roof.

The front garden has a lawn and an ornamental pool and the private rear garden has a lawn and a modern timber framed workshop/garage with light and power.

There is also a patio area, store and oil tank.

For further information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 or visit www.jjdell.co.uk

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£119,500

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Oswestry Office 01691 679595



6 Old St Martins Road, Gobowen
£125,000

Modernised Mid Terrace House. Lounge and kitchen / diner. Two Bedrooms and fitted bathroom. Gas-fired central heating and double glazing. Parking and landscaped gardens to the rear. Well located for village amenities. Ideal first-time or investment property. EPC Rating = 55 (D)

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78 Vyrnwy Road, Oswestry
£149,950

Detached town bungalow. L-shaped lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom. UPVC double glazed, gas-fired warm air heating. Attached single garage and parking. Pleasant enclosed rear garden with views over the town. Located on the edge of the town. EPC Rating = 58 (D)

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Ty Mawr, Pontfadog: Guide Price: in excess of £300,000

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION - FRIDAY 15TH JULY AT 2:30PM.
The farmhouse affords traditional accommodation on two floors and is ripe for modernisation. (EPC=1(G)). Two ranges of agricultural outbuildings affording ample scope for a variety of uses together with 17.5 acres of land.

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35 Oldcastle Avenue, Guilsfield £229,950

Detached Modern Family House. Sitting & Dining Rooms, Conservatory. Kitchen with range cooker. Utility, Separate W.C. 4 Bedrooms (2 en-suite), Bathroom. Front lawn with driveway to Garage. Enclosed rear garden and seating area. Cul-de-sac development. EPC Rating = 68 (D)

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52 Bryn-Y-Ddol, Welshpool
£120,000

Semi-Detached House. Kitchen, Sitting Room. Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Gas fired heating. Double glazed. Car Parking to side. Front lawn, seating area and lawn to rear. Energy efficiency rating = 70

Welshpool Office 01938 554818

3 Maes Y Garreg, Llansantffraid £189,950

Detached Bungalow in Pleasant Cul-De-Sac Position. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Rear Lobby/Utility, Separate WC, Bathroom, 3 Bedrooms. Mainly Double Glazed. Electric Heating. Driveway and Attached Garage. Lawned Garden to Front. Enclosed Rear Garden. EPC Rating = 45 (E)

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES TO LET

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2 Bed First/Floor Flat, Gas C/H, FTE, (EER=49).....	(£495 dep)	£395 pcm
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GOBOWEN

1 Bed Open Plan Flat, FTE, No Pets, (EER=68).....	(£350 dep)	£250 pcm
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ELLESMERE

3 Bed Barn, Oil C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=21).....	(£850 dep)	£750 pcm
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LLANFYLLIN

2 Bed Mid-Terrace, Gas C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=77).....	(£495 dep)	£395 pcm
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LLANRHAEDR YM

4 Bed Det House, Oil C/H, FTE, No Pets, (EER=43).....	(£750 dep)	£700 pcm
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LLANSANTFFRAID

1 Bed Mid Terrace, FTE, No Pets (EER=40).....	(£350 dep)	£350 pcm
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Fees: Application Fee: £40. Lease Fee: £150

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Family home by river has lots to offer

GLYN CEIRIOG
£379,950

On the banks of the River Ceirlog, Ddol Isa, Llanarmon Road, Glyn Ceirlog near Llangollen, is a well appointed family home with lots to offer both inside and out.

With around two acres (0.81 ha) of land including gardens, a riverside patio area and two paddocks, it has been much improved by the current owners and has well proportioned ground floor living accommodation supplemented by three double bedrooms, a spacious family bathroom and a raised riverside seating area on the first floor.

There is double glazing throughout, oil fired central heating, a detached garage and a two bay stable block. It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £379,950.

Contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 772443.



Spacious home in lovely village comes with extra parking

ST MARTINS
£239,950

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A spacious four-bedroom detached family home, Waterloo House in Ellesmere Road, St Martins comes with ample parking for vehicles and a caravan/motorhome and a well looked after rear garden.

It is for sale through Town & Country at £239,950. It has an entrance hall, a living room, a dining room, a sitting room, a kitchen, a utility room, a cloakroom/WC, a landing, four bedrooms and a family bathroom. The rear garden is a particular feature of the property, also coming with two sheds, and the property is close to road and rail links to major towns and cities.

The front garden is gravelled with a path to the front door. The rear garden is well maintained, having lawn, flower and shrub borders and a patio area.

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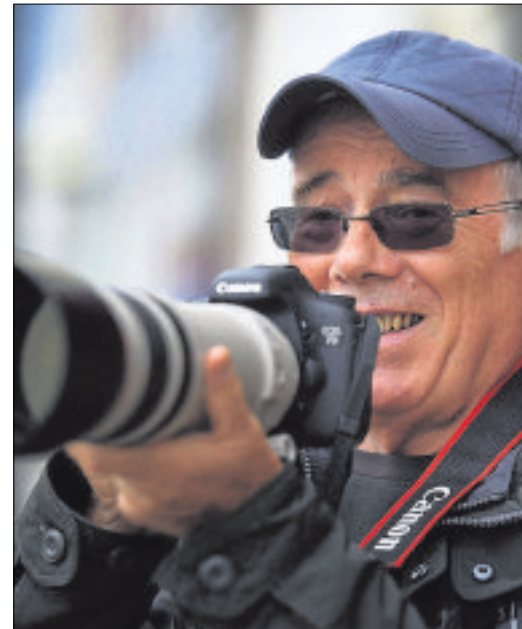
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The convoy passed through Broad Street in Welshpool



The convoy trial weaves through the village of Llanymynech



Geoff Hill takes a few snaps of the massive transporters



Welshpool residents watch the transport trial



The convoy trial showed how big the turbines transporters would be. Photo: Steve Leath.



The police escort ensured public safety in Llanymynech



The convoy trial brought out a lot of people in Welshpool



The trial was a talking point in Welshpool

Turbine trial staged

A TRIAL delivery of giant wind turbine parts went smoothly and caused "barely any delays" as it passed through the Oswestry and Welshpool areas, according to developers.

Energy firm Awel Newydd carried out a test run on Thursday last week of the route it will use to transport turbine parts to its Tirgwynt wind farm between Carno and Cefn Coch in Mid Wales later this month.

The route saw two abnormal load vehicles travel from Wrexham through to Oswestry, Pant, Llanymynech and Welshpool, before following the A458 and B4385 to the site entrance just beyond Cefn Coch.

The lorries, which did not carry the parts for the wind farms, drew crowds as they passed through towns and villages.

Peter Thomas, construction manager at Awel Newydd said they had been pleased

Report by Naomi Penrose

with the way the test had gone, but that some amendments would be made to the route before the actual deliveries at the end of July.

He said: "It was unfortunate that there were severe traffic hold-ups on the M6 in the morning beyond our control and the police advised us to delay the journey. Once we were clear of those the trip generally went smoothly and passed through Welshpool town centre causing barely any delays. We identified a few areas on the last few miles of the route which will need some further adjustments to be implemented before the real deliveries start at the end of July." Mr Thomas said the company would also be doing all it can to keep people aware of changes or delays to the deliveries through its website.

He said: "We updated our website as soon as soon as we were aware of the change in schedule and that will be the best source of information for local people as we move through

the delivery phase." One Welshpool councillor has said she is concerned about the impact the deliveries, which begin on July 25, will have on tourism.

Councillor Estelle Bleivas said: "This shouldn't be happening in the first place.

"If people had come along to Welshpool Town Council's demonstrations and information events eight odd years ago this could have been stopped, but people accused us of scare-mongering and didn't believe it would happen.

"Well now it is.

"These vehicles will be passing through the town starting later this month.

"That's prime tourist season and this will kill it.

"People won't want to come back here if they're caught up in this and we've worked damn hard to encourage people to visit the town."

Several people took to the streets of Llanymynech and Pant and dozens more lined roads in Welshpool town centre to catch a glimpse

of the two huge turbine lorries when they arrived in the region. The convoy of lorries was escorted on its route from Goole in East Yorkshire to the proposed wind farm site by police.

Pant resident Ruth Allcock said she was "horrified" that the work was going ahead, and warned of the effect it would have on the village's roads.

"It's going to be complete chaos, this is the route to all of Wales's tourist destinations.

"It's already bad enough during the summer months when it's the school holidays," she said.

"This will really affect the roads in the village. They're always having to mend the grids because of heavy traffic. What it will do to our roads I do not know. What I do know is this could've been a different story, if we'd have been given a bypass."

But Welshpool resident Roy Evans, who watched the test pass through the region, praised energy bosses for their organisation. He said: "This has to be done I'm afraid, it's

a matter of everyone having patience, then it won't be any trouble.

"I do think this trial run has been extremely well organised, I will give them that. I think the key for this to work is for everyone to have some patience with it."

Along the route were staff from the North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent who were on hand to offer feedback on how it went, and ensure it ran smoothly.

Awel Newydd Cyf altered 12 locations for lorries transporting parts to the Tirgwynt windfarm near Carno. Sections of the main A458, the B4385 and the C2013 were changed, with tight corners and some hedges moved to facilitate the journey. Developers Awel Newydd and RES will now be holding two public information events to update people about turbine component deliveries. The first will take place on Tuesday in Pant Memorial Hall between 3pm and 7pm, while the second will be held on Thursday, at the Newtown campus of the NPTC Group, between 3pm and 7pm.



Marches School staff member Andy Lowe meets Eddie the Eagle



Ball Sports Coach Neil Precott with Charlie Morris and Sam Rogers



Rhianon Marston from Holy Trinity C of E School enjoyed the fun

Festival a big hit

Report by Dominic Robertson

THE Marches School in Oswestry has held its first ever Festival of Education and it proved to be a big hit for all those who attended.

The festival on Friday was attended by thousands of students and teachers from schools across the region.

The event staged a whole host of activities from sports events to historical re-enactments. There was even a giant T-Rex model from the Life Long Ago group which teaches people about dinosaurs. Gorilla sculptures from the British Ironwork Centre were also in attendance.

A whole host of guest speakers attended including Olympics ski jumper Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards.

Eddie became a national hero 28 years ago thanks to his amazing efforts at the Calgary Winter Olympics. He enjoyed further fame this year thanks to the release of a movie about his sports career. Eddie said he was still surprised at the fame he had garnered, having only ever intended to attract enough sponsorship to continue his Olympic dream. He said: "I always thought I would get a certain amount of attention because I was Britain's first jumper and the sport is so visually impressive. But what I wanted was for it to turn into sponsorship so I could move on to other Olympics. Unfortunately I got to Calgary, became 'Eddie the Eagle' and got more attention than I ever thought, even more than the guy who won it and unfortunately the authorities didn't like it. Having been to the Olympic Games I never thought I would be making a film about my life 28 years later."

While the first festival of education proved a hit, the school's annual fun day also proved highly successful. The fun day was held on Saturday and there was a whole host of activities available.



Alfie Davies with Malaqi the African Barn owl. Photos: Steve Leath.



There were history demonstrations at the festival of education



Poppy Allan and Bethany Coleman with a gorilla sculpture



Marches student Alex Wagner meets Eddie the Eagle



Chronicle reporter Dominic Robertson interviews Eddie The Eagle at the festival



There was fundraising for charity at the fun day on Saturday



Archie Blackburn from Woodside Primary School with history re-enactors Will Llauerch and Gary Rodwell at the education festival



Marches School's executive headteacher Sarah Longville and students take a look at Millie the dinosaur



Eddie the Eagle, Matthew Lloyd and Mille the Dinosaur at the festival of education



Eddie The Eagle Edwards was happy to meet everyone at the education festival



There was a climbing wall at the fun day on Saturday



Eddie the Eagle says hello to a British Ironwork Centre gorilla sculpture



Pointless Celebrities

6pm
Alexander Armstrong hosts a special Radio 1 and Radio 1Xtra edition of the general knowledge quiz. Clara Amfo and Trevor Nelson, Yasmin Evans and Greg James, Chris Stark and Scott Mills, and Dev Griffin and Sarah-Jane Crawford try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions.



Today at Wimbledon

8pm
Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided. Plus, a preview of the men's singles final and all the action from the day's other finals and semi-finals.



Catchphrase

7pm
Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to 'see it and say it' as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.



Gogglesprogs

6pm
Young TV viewers watch a range of programmes, from entertainment shows to documentaries and classic films, as well as up-to-the-minute news reports. In this instalment, the youngsters offer their honest and hilarious views on Call the Midwife, The Voice UK and The Wizard of Oz.



NCIS

8.05pm
The agents reluctantly team up with the coast guard to investigate the apparent murder of a Navy diver who was trying to recover a sunken ship and its treasure, and Gibbs finds a prime suspect in a wealthy doctor who had bankrolled the underwater mission. Starring Mark Harmon.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. John Torode serves as this week's guest host, inviting Elizabeth Allen and Vivek Singh to subject comedian Greg Davies to either food heaven or hell.

11.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. The cook visits Guildford Farmer's Market, seeking inspiration from its fresh ingredients. Back home, she prepares dishes including chicken with lemon creme fraiche and asparagus. (R)

12.00 BBC News; Weather.

12.10 Bargain Hunt. A team of rare cattle breeders and a pair of farmers' wives compete in Edinburgh with the help of antiques experts Catherine Southon and Paul Laidlaw. (R)

1.00 Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, as the penultimate day of the Grand Slam tournament continues. Serena Williams became the oldest woman to win a Grand Slam singles title in the Open era with victory here last year. That triumph was her sixth Wimbledon crown and 21st major title overall.

5.40 BBC News.

5.50 Midlands Today; Weather.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Radio 1 and Radio 1Xtra presenters Clara Amfo, Trevor Nelson, Yasmin Evans, Greg James, Chris Stark, Scott Mills, Dev Griffin and Sarah-Jane Crawford take part in the quiz. (R)

6.50 The Getaway Car. A father-and-son team, a pair of Essex girls, and two London Underground drivers are among the competitors hitting the track in South Africa this week.

7.40 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws and Lotto results.

8.30 The Musketeers. Grimaud sets in motion a series of savage attacks designed to eliminate the Musketeers, and when Athos manages to escape the trap, he sets out to warn his comrades.

9.25 Casualty. Brian's stray cigarette butt causes a house fire, leaving both Hazel and Rhanna's lives in jeopardy, and Charlie correctly guesses Connie and Jacob are back together.

10.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.35 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003). A rogue captain and a blacksmith set sail to rescue a governor's daughter from feared supernatural pirates. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom.

12.45 FILM: The Resident (2011). A doctor moves into a spacious new apartment, but realises her landlord is dangerously obsessed with her. Horror, starring Hilary Swank, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Christopher Lee.

2.10 Weather for the Week Ahead.

2.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 FILM: The Long Voyage Home (1940). A cargo ship journeys across the Atlantic, and the crew has concerns about the dangerous freight and a suspicious new recruit. Drama, starring John Wayne and Thomas Mitchell.

7.45 FILM: Flight of the Navigator (1986). Sci-fi adventure, starring Joey Cramer.

9.10 Natural World. Exploring ways to farm without fossil fuels. (R)

10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in Cornwall, Kent and Co Durham. (R)

11.00 Wimbledon 2016. The ladies' wheelchair singles final.

12.30 Coast. The Great Storm of 1703. (R)

1.00 FILM: Firecreek (1968). A quiet-living rancher takes on the role of sheriff to protect his town from an outlaw and his drunken cronies. Western, starring James Stewart, Henry Fonda and Inger Stevens.

2.40 Escape to the Country. A couple seek a country home in north Wiltshire. (R)

3.25 Flog It! Philip Serrell and Elizabeth Talbot visit Wellington College, Berkshire. (R)

4.10 The Great British Sewing Bee. The three finalists battle it out for the title. (R)

5.10 Gardeners' World. Monty Don begins to harvest crops from his vegetable garden. (R)

5.40 Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker presents further live coverage of the penultimate day at the All England Club, featuring the men's and ladies' doubles finals.

8.00 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, along with the day's other finals and semi-finals.

9.00 The Wipers Times. Feature-length factual drama about two First World War soldiers who find a printing press and create a satirical newspaper. Ben Chaplin, Julian Rhind-Tutt and Michael Palin star. (R)

10.30 Versailles. When a protest halts construction at the palace, the King refuses to let Philippe help and matters escalate, allowing plotters to pose a genuine threat to the young monarch's rule; (R) Inside Versailles. Following the latest instalment of Versailles, Professor Kate Williams and Greg Jenner explore the topic of religious conflict in early modern France. (R)

11.30 Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of day three from Castle Stuart Golf Club in Inverness, where Rickie Fowler is the reigning champion after victory at Gullane Golf Club.

12.30 FILM: The Big Kahuna (1999). The rising tension gets to three salesmen as they wait at a hotel to make their pitches to an important potential client. Drama, with Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and Peter Facinelli.

1.55 FILM: Down Terrace (2009). Father-and-son gangsters are released from prison and try to identify the informant in their organisation. Crime comedy, starring real-life father and son Robin and Robert Hill.

3.25 This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan 6.30 Dino Dan 6.45 Dino Dan 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story 7.00 Sooty 7.15 Super 4 7.30 Oddbods 7.35 Thunderbirds Are Go 8.00 NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu

8.25 ITV News.

8.30 Weekend. With Tony Hadley, Penelope Wilton, Jason Byrne and Welsh singer Bright Light Bright Light.

9.25 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica receives shocking news about her late husband. (R)

10.20 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica visits Amish country, where she finds herself embroiled in yet another murder investigation. (R)

11.20 Who's Doing the Dishes? Pop star and 911 lead singer Lee Brennan offers his oblivious dinner guests a selection of dishes designed to give them clues that will allow them to identify him as their host. (R)

12.20 ITV News and Weather; Weather.

12.30 The Wine Show. Actors Matthew Goode and Matthew Rhys present a guide to wine from an Italian villa, and challenge chefs to create the perfect meal to accompany each bottle.

1.35 Big Box Little Box. Testing out go-karts and a slimming vest. (R)

2.05 Doc Martin. Louisa has a chance of promotion. (R)

3.05 FILM: The Mirror Crack'd (1980). Miss Marple investigates a poisoning on a film set involving two feuding female stars. Agatha Christie mystery, with Angela Lansbury, Elizabeth Taylor, Kim Novak and Rock Hudson.

5.10 The Chase. Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)

6.10 ITV News Central; Weather.

6.20 ITV News and Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a hi-tech toilet that produces a nasty accident. (R)

7.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.

7.45 FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012). Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is recruited to join a band of dwarves on a quest to reclaim their lost homeland. Fantasy adventure, with Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen.

10.50 ITV News and Weather; Weather.

11.10 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972). A gang of crooks tries to infiltrate a maternity hospital planning to steal the stock of contraceptive pills. Comedy, starring Sid James, Kenneth Williams and Hattie Jacques.

12.50 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

3.00 Murder, She Wrote. Jessica is taken hostage by a political spy while helping two musicians defect to America. Jenny Agutter guest stars. (R)

3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

Channel 4

6.00 Mobil 1 The Grid. Jensen Button previews the British Grand Prix.

6.25 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. Action from Rockingham.

6.55 Nic Hamilton's Racing Dream. Lewis Hamilton's brother Nic works to become a F1 driver too.

7.55 Everybody Loves Raymond. Debra makes Ray renew his wedding vows. (R)

8.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. Ray takes an interest in Ally's hobby. (R)

8.55 The Morning Line. Nick Luck presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing.

9.55 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Practice 3 Live. Lee McKenzie presents coverage from Silverstone, as the drivers continue their preparations ahead of the 10th round of the season.

11.05 The Superhumans Show. With guests Gordon Reid, Jo Butterfield, and Matt Edmondson.

11.35 Salvage SOS. The team save items from a Victorian-style farmhouse built in 1911 in Laurel Fork, Virginia.

12.00 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Steve Jones presents coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 1.00pm), as the 10th round of the season continues at Silverstone.

2.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage of 10 races. From Newmarket, races start at 3.25, 4.00, 4.35 and 5.10. From York at 3.00, 3.45, 4.15 and 4.50. From Ascot at 2.45 and 3.15.

5.30 Channel 4 News.

6.00 Gogglesprogs. Young TV viewers give their honest and hilarious views on Call the Midwife, The Voice UK and The Wizard of Oz. (R)

7.00 FILM: Battleship (2012). American naval vessels go into battle against an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-fi adventure, with Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgard.

9.30 FILM: Ted (2012). A boy's magical living teddy remains his friend into adulthood, creating tension with his girlfriend. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg, with the voice of Seth MacFarlane.

11.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Gordon Ramsay is in New Jersey to help Rose Leone, who spent two years in a coma and came out of hospital to learn her son had run her beloved Italian restaurant into the ground. (R)

12.35 FILM: The Place Beyond the Pines (2012). A former motorcycle stunt rider turns to crime to support his family, leading to a conflict with a troubled, ambitious cop. Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling and Bradley Cooper.

3.00 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace is tired of her brothers hanging around and gives them an ultimatum. Meanwhile, there is a break in at Nightingale's restaurant, and Marnie calls for Mac's help. (R)

5.05 Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. Kirstie Allsopp attempts a flower arrangement at the Royal Cornwall Show (R)

5.20 French Collection. Collectors James, Georgie and Carol are given 800 euros to spend at a Nice market in the hope of upcycling their goods and making a profit when they sell in Lewes. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Bob the Builder 6.10 Wanda and the Alien 6.20 Pets 6.25 Noddy in Toyland 6.40 Paw Patrol 6.50 Little Princess 7.05 Pip Ahoy! 7.20 Blaze and the Monster Machines 7.50 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.05 Shimmer and Shine

8.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Mikey and Casey befriend a skateboarding reptilian kid. (R)

9.00 The Saturday Show Live. Topical show looking at the week's headlines.

11.10 Police Interceptors: Takedown. Vinnie Jones introduces clips of exciting police chases. (R)

11.40 Police Interceptors. Damo and the firearms team tackle a supermarket gunman. (R)

12.40 FILM: Major Dundee (1965). Western, starring Charlton Heston.

3.00 FILM: Rio Lobo (1970). Howard Hawks' Western, with John Wayne and Jorge Rivero.

5.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. A dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to leave. (R)

6.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul and Phil head to Kent for an eviction and discover a full-scale cannabis factory upstairs. Plus, Brian and Delroy chase a debt of nearly £3,000 in Hampshire. (R)

7.15 NCIS: Los Angeles. Callen and Sam unearth links to an al-Qaeda recruiting agent after a Navy officer dies following a confrontation involving a dancer and a Sudanese emigre at a strip club. (R)

8.05 NCIS. The agents reluctantly team up with the coast guard to investigate the apparent murder of a Navy diver who was trying to recover a sunken ship and its treasure. With Mark Harmon. (R)

9.00 NCIS. Gibbs and Bishop travel to Afghanistan in the wake of the murder of a US Marine captain in Washington, DC, and the death is linked to a terror group affiliated with the Taliban.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Big Brother. Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house.

11.05 Gemma Collins: In Therapy. The reality TV star talks to therapist Mandy Saligari in a bid to understand why her celebrity dream has come crashing down. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.

3.10 Big Brother. Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house. (R)

4.00 The Secret Life of Kittens. Part two of two. Following cats from birth to 12 months old. (R)

4.50 Divine Designs. Paul Binski chronicles the history of Britain's religious art. (R)

5.15 House Doctor. A property in Spennymoor, Co Durham. (R)

5.40 Angels of Jarm. (R)

5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)



Countryfile

6pm

Matt Baker helps out with the strawberry harvest in Kent, while Naomi Wilkinson meets a couple who set up their own animal rescue centre and visits Dover to investigate the history of people attempting to swim the English Channel. John Craven meets a farmer growing Chinese vegetables.



Giraffes: Africa's Gentle

Giants – Natural World

4.35pm

Conservationist Dr Julian Fennessy is on a mission to learn more about the giraffes of Africa, but the most important fact is that they are disappearing. In an urgent attempt to save them, he and a determined Ugandan team round up 20 of the world's rarest giraffes.



You've Been Framed!

6.30pm

Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps, as filmed by viewers via various smartphones, head-cameras and other home-video devices. Among tonight's highlighted hijinks are a cat that attacks a drone, a snake that hitches a ride on a car and a toddler who padlocks his mouth shut.



Formula 1: British Grand Prix

Live

12pm

Steve Jones presents coverage of the 10th round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm), which takes place at Silverstone. Lewis Hamilton will be aiming to triumph here for the third year in succession, which would see him equal the achievement of Nigel Mansell.



Most Shocking Reality Moments

10pm

A celebration of the nation's long-running love affair with reality TV, showcasing the 50 most memorable moments from some of the best-loved shows such as TOWIE, Jersey Shore and Made in Chelsea. The bumper countdown includes the time George Galloway came over all feline on Celebrity Big Brother.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live. Topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 Sunday Politics West Midlands. The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 Bargain Hunt. Two teams are challenged to pick up bargains at an antiques fair in Barnsley, with expert advice from Thomas Plant and Anita Manning. Tim Wonnacott presents. (R)
12.45 BBC News; Weather.
1.00 Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker and guests look ahead to this afternoon's men's singles final at the All England Club, where the concluding day of the championships is set to take place.
1.50 Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the men's singles final at the All England Club, on the final day of the third Grand Slam tournament of the year. Defending champion Novak Djokovic faced Roger Federer for the second successive year in 2015's showpiece match, with the Serbian once again claiming victory, as he lifted the trophy for the third time in his career.
5.35 BBC News.
5.50 Midlands Today; Weather.
6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker helps out with the strawberry harvest in Kent, while Naomi Wilkinson visits Dover to investigate the history of people attempting to swim the English Channel. Includes weather for the week ahead.
7.00 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Portugal or Wales v Germany or France (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the final, which takes place at the Stade de France, as the 24-team tournament draws to a close. The event began in this stadium exactly one month ago, with Didier Deschamps' host nation overcoming Romania 2-1 thanks to a wonder-strike from West Ham United's Dimitri Payet. France would top their group and move onto knockout encounters with the Republic of Ireland, Iceland and Germany, while Romania were eliminated after finishing bottom of the table following their three matches. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.30 BBC News.
10.50 Midlands Today; Weather.
11.00 Live at the Apollo. Andy Parsons hosts the stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo, inviting comedians Andrew Lawrence and Milton Jones to share their light-hearted views on modern life. (R)
11.45 FILM: Flatliners (1990). Medical students conduct dangerous near-death experiments to discover whether there is an afterlife. Supernatural thriller, with Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts and Kevin Bacon.
1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.40 BBC News.

BBC2

- 6.10 The A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at themes beginning with the letter B. (R)
6.35 Great British Garden Revival. Lilies and woodland plants. (R)
7.35 Gardeners' World. Monty Don begins to harvest crops from his vegetable garden. (R)
8.05 Countryfile. The team visits Pembrokeshire. (R)
9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. James Martin presents highlights of the series, recalling his favourite moments from previous years in the kitchen. Featuring an archive programme presented by Rick Stein.
10.30 Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. The chef demonstrates how to liven up lunches. (R)
11.00 Wimbledon 2016. The men's wheelchair singles final. Sue Barker presents coverage of the inaugural staging of this final at the All England Club, as the final day of the Grand Slam commences.
12.30 Coast. Mark Horton explores the story of the Great Eastern ship. (R)
1.00 FILM: Polyanna (1960). An orphaned girl tries to spread cheer among the miserable inhabitants of a New England town. Family drama based on Eleanor H Porter's novel, starring Hayley Mills and Jane Wyman.
3.10 Flog It! From Dulwich College, south London. (R)
3.55 Tribute to a Queen – The Big Sing. A musical tribute to Her Majesty the Queen. (R)
4.35 Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants – Natural World. A mission to save the endangered giraffes of Africa. (R)
5.35 Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the mixed doubles final, the last action of this year's event at the All England Club.
8.00 FILM: The Help (2011). An aspiring journalist in 1960s Mississippi creates controversy by giving black servants the chance to tell their stories. Drama, starring Emma Stone and Viola Davis.
10.20 Mock the Week. James Acaster, Rob Beckett, Ed Byrne, John Robins and Holly Walsh join host Dara O Briain and regular Hugh Dennis for the topical comedy show. (R)
10.50 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the men's singles final at the All England Club, along with the day's other finals.
11.50 Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of the fourth and final day from Castle Stuart Golf Club in Inverness, where the successor to last year's winner Rickie Fowler was crowned.
12.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile. John Craven explores Pembrokeshire's boating heritage, while Helen Skelton makes a meal out of foraged seaweed and meets the people who made an eco house from local materials. (R)
1.50 Sign Zone: Holby City. Part two of two. Jac is forced to rely on Ollie when an allergic reaction prevents her from operating, while Raf and Fletch's friendship is tested when they work alongside Naomi. (R)
2.45 This Is BBC2.

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: The Aquabats!** Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan **6.30** Dino Dan **6.45** Dino Dan **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story **7.00** Sooty **7.15** Super 4 **7.30** Oddbods **7.35** Thunderbirds Are Go **8.00** Teen Titans Go!
8.25 ITV News.
8.30 Weekend. With guests Ray Mears, Omid Djalili and Kandace Springs.
9.25 Countrywise. Series exploring the UK's countryside. (R)
10.00 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine.
10.55 Judge Rinder. Criminal barrister Robert Rinder takes on real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
11.55 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
12.00 Rebound. Sean Fletcher hosts the quickfire quiz that tests the general knowledge of six contestants, who go head to head in a bid to walk away with a big cash prize. (R)
1.00 The Chase. Bradley Walsh presents as four contestants answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to take on quiz expert the Chaser and secure a cash prize. (R)
2.00 Love Your Garden. Transforming gardens across the nation. (R)
3.00 Midsomer Murders. Barnaby and Troy investigate the murder of a terminally ill property developer. Mystery, starring John Nettles, Daniel Casey and Richard Briers. (R)
5.00 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. From Parham House, West Sussex. (R)
6.00 ITV News Central; Weather.
6.15 ITV News and Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates more comical home videos, including a cat attacking a drone, and a pensioner who left a trail of destruction through a supermarket. (R)
7.00 Euro 2016. Portugal or Wales v Germany or France (Kick-off 8.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the final, which takes place at the Stade de France, as the tournament draws to a close. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.45 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
11.00 Didier Drogba: Sports Life Stories. A profile of the former Galatasaray and Ivory Coast striker, who is best known for his time at Chelsea, which has been marked by some outstanding and controversial moments. (R)
12.00 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)
12.50 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 Motorsport UK. Highlights from Oulton Park, featuring action from the British F4 Championship and Ginetta GT4 Supercup. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
3.50 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service.
5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.15 Salvage SOS.** The crew salvages items at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.
6.40 Salvage SOS. The team picks through items at a farmhouse built in the late 1800s.
7.05 The King of Queens. Arthur becomes Doug's neighbour. (R)
7.30 The King of Queens. Carrie keeps cheating at games. (R)
8.00 Frasier. Maris is released on bail. (R)
8.30 Frasier. The Cranes take a holiday in the mountains. (R)
9.00 Sunday Brunch. With Kelis and Joe Lycett.
12.00 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Live. Steve Jones presents coverage of the 10th round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm), which takes place at Silverstone.
4.00 Location, Location, Location. Kirstie Allsopp helps a man find a home with plenty of space for his car collection. (R)
5.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun. Laura Hamilton helps a family find a home in Spain.
6.00 Channel 4 News.
6.30 Paul O'Grady's 100 Years of Movie Musicals. Paul explores the history of the genre, from its roots in the early 20th century, through its golden era, and up to the multimillion-dollar industry it has become.
8.00 FILM: Les Misérables (2012). A former prisoner pursued by a fanatical inspector in post-revolutionary France is drawn into a political uprising. Musical, starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway.
11.05 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the 10th round of the season at Silverstone, where Lewis Hamilton was looking to win this race for the fourth time in his career.
12.10 FILM: The Quiet Ones (2014). A scientist performs experiments on a woman in the hope of manifesting a poltergeist, but the horror he unleashes proves deadly. Horror, starring Jared Harris and Sam Claflin.
1.55 Dogs: Their Secret Lives. Mark Evans observes three pets exhibiting unusual behaviour to find out what could be at the root of their problems and how to help them. (R)
2.50 Rescue Dog to Super Dog. The team helps to find disability helper dogs for Manchester-based Paula, who has a faulty immune system, and second year student Ellie with cerebral palsy. (R)
3.45 Posh Pawnbrokers. In Sheffield, London Road boss Dan goes to look at a boat with a £90,000 price tag and considers a deal on a large diamond ring. (R)
4.40 French Collection. Three East Sussex collectors visit a market in Arles in Provence, buying items that they take back home and spruce up in a bid to make the most profit. (R)
5.35 Draw It! TV chef Rosemary Shrager and comedian Tim Vine put their drawing skills to the test across a series of challenges. Hosted by Mel Giedroyc. (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig **6.05** Toby's Travelling Circus **6.15** Angelina Ballerina **6.30** Bob the Builder **6.40** Wanda and the Alien **6.50** Zack and Quack **7.05** Pets **7.10** Noddy in Toyland **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.35** Little Princess **7.45** Pip Ahoy! **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Shimmer and Shine **9.15** Jelly Jamm **9.30** LazyTown
9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R)
10.30 Access. (R)
10.35 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. (R)
11.05 Rookies & Raids: A Police Interceptors Special. (R)
12.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. A collection of the most extreme chases officers have been involved in. (R)
1.00 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. Inspector Lyndsey Taylor comes to the rescue of Baxter the malnourished shih-tzu. (R)
2.00 Hello Kitty: When Cats Go Bad. Footage of bad feline behaviour. (R)
3.00 Puppies Make You Laugh Out Loud. Clip show featuring entertaining pups. (R)
4.00 The Secret Life of Puppies. Two-part documentary following puppies' first year of life. (R)
5.00 The Secret Life of Puppies. Conclusion of the two-part documentary as the puppies join their human families. (R)
6.00 5 News Weekend.
6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul and Steve face a moral dilemma in south London, when they find out the tenant they have been instructed to evict is on his way to a funeral. (R)
7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In East London, High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction, while in south Wales, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt owed by a working mum. (R)
8.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. Compilation of internet videos featuring cats doing bizarre things, with contributions from Matt Richardson, Ellie Taylor and David Mills, and pet behaviourist Peter Neville.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chit-chat. Narrated by Marcus Bentley.
10.00 Most Shocking Reality Moments. A celebration of the nation's long-running love affair with reality TV, revealing the 50 most memorable moments from some of the best-loved shows including TOWIE and Big Brother. (R)
12.50 Lip Sync Battle. (R)
1.15 SuperCasino.
3.10 The Blair Rich Project. (R)
4.00 Now That's Funny! (R)
4.50 Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.15 Wildlife SOS. (R)
5.40 Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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Eleanor Lillian

Of Lythwood, Bayston Hill. Passed away after a short illness on June 27, 2016, aged 100 years. Beloved Wife of the late Donald, much loved Mother of Frank, Geoffrey, Mary and Margaret, Grandmother of Patricia, Jonathan, Charles and Scarlett and Great-Grandmother of Oliver and Henry.

Funeral Service to be held at St Andrew & St Mary Church, Conover on Friday, July 15, at 2pm.

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acknowledgements**WILLIAMS**Florence Elizabeth
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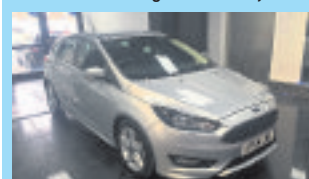
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Tucson hits right boxes



By Graham Breeze

The Hyundai Tucson ticks all the right boxes, particularly if you are a fleet buyer or company car driver.

So it's little wonder that the Nissan Qashqai rival has been named as "Best Mainstream 4X4" by Business Car Magazine – after all they're the people who should know about those things.

The awards are determined by the fleet industry itself, with the Tucson's striking design, cost-efficiency and practicality securing the top spot for Hyundai – and I'd have to say if I was still in the company car business I would be taking a serious look at this model.

This is without doubt the most impressive product Hyundai has released to the fleet market where there's masses of competition. It's a massive leap forward for the company and has quickly become its best seller.

Designed to be class-leading in several key areas, the Tucson picked up the prestigious award by offering best-in-class whole life costs, residual values and boot space along with improved standard equipment, boosting comfort, convenience and safety across the range.

The Tucson Premium 2.0 CRDi on test was good looking without being outstanding and you quickly got the idea that this model wasn't built to attract the driver looking for individuality and stunning performance.

This is for the man or woman impressed by combined fuel figures of 54.3mpg and CO2 emissions of 139g/km and the driver impressed by space and practical motoring.

Mind you there's still a top speed of 114mph, 0-62mph in 10.9seconds and an impressive list of standard equipment which includes 19 inch alloys, a rear spoiler with LED inte-

grated brake lights, front silver skid plates and a chrome effect radiator grille.

The well-spaced six-speed gearbox and automatic four wheel drive system make the Tucson easy to drive and handle with plenty of traction and very little corner lean, though the steering may not feel quite as precise as some rivals.

If space is important to you then the Tucson may be just what you are looking for because this is the class leader with loads of storage space in the cabin, a huge boot and comfortable seating for five.

The 2.0litre CRDi on test would cost you £28,425 but you get a lot for your money with an outstanding five year unlimited mileage warranty which includes roadside assistance and annual health checks.

Hyundai is noted for safety levels and the Tucson is no exception. There's a full size alloy spare wheel, AEB emergency braking, ABS, electric parking brake, six airbags, downhill brake control, an emergency stop signal, hill start assist, an immobiliser, lane keep assist and tyre pressure monitoring.

There's heated front and rear seats, automatic headlights, cornering lights, climate control, electric door mirrors, follow-me-home lights, parking sensors, speed limit information, a blind spot detection system and rain sensing wipers.

The cabin is functional rather than revolutionary with an 8inch touchscreen containing the Sat/Nav system, reversing camera, Bluetooth connectivity and all the radio controls.

If £28,000 is out of your reach there are other, less expensive models in the range. You could pick from S, SE, SE Nav variants and if you don't need four wheel drive the price drops further.

It's easy to see why the new Tucson has become Hyundai's best seller.



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Independent surveys to be used to measure customer satisfaction

An independent company has been engaged by award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs of Oswestry to conduct satisfaction surveys for customers of new and used cars.

Sales manager Matt Hine explained that Arthurs were 'passionate' about customer satisfaction and in order not to become complacent had engaged an independent company to contact all customers, after buying a new or used car, to measure the customer satisfaction rate.

Matt said: "We are already one of the top dealers for customer satisfaction in the Vauxhall UK network and we believe the engagement of a totally independent company will drive our customer satisfaction levels to even greater heights."

"Throughout the company we have a genuine desire to be the very best of the best for customer satisfaction and this is our way of achieving this aim."

After sales manager Neil Pomford was equally enthusiastic about engaging this company to carry out independent surveys and explained how service customers who visited the Arthurs Vauxhall dealership in Newtown for car servicing would also be contacted by this company to ask them a few questions to ascertain the level of satisfaction being provided.

Neil said: "I would endorse Chris's comments that we have a great desire to be the best for customer satisfaction and we also want to achieve further awards to reward our efforts."

Steve Hughes, group operations manager for Arthurs Vauxhall dealerships said: "It is anticipated that this newly appointed company will start the customer service letter later this month and once a decent sample size

is achieved the results will be displayed on our new website which is due to be launched in July.

"The results for sales and after sales will be shown independent of each other so that there is complete transparency in the results being achieved by the respective dealership departments."

"There are many car dealers who complete their own customer satisfaction surveys, but we feel that to obtain the most accurate feedback we need to engage a totally independent company with experience of this nature to obtain the results from our customers."

Steve added: "We want to improve customer service and in an ever-changing and competitive world we are looking forward to receiving our customers' feedback as to how we can improve – and prove ourselves to be 'the best of the best' for customer satisfaction."

Pictured: Matt Hine says Arthurs are 'passionate' about customer satisfaction.

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Past Captain's Prize: A Jackson 31, Team Prize: V Catterall, S Jaman, H Sealey 36.
Presidents Prize Front 9: R Carmichael 18; Back 9: J Cook 19. Committee Prize: V Statham. Nearest The Pin (9th): S Overton & H Henshall. Nearest The Pin (14th): V Chandler. Longest Drive (11th): S Overton Longest Drive (4th): J Galsworthy Twos: V Catterall, L Davis, S Overton, G Barker, E Sirrell.

CHURCH STRETTON
18 Hole Stableford: A Williams 40pts; I O Connor 37pts; G Chadwick 37pts.
Stanvold Cup (10-24): M Redmond 73-12=61; M Gough 84-20=64; P Simmonds 75-11=64.
18 Hole Stableford: I O Connor 40pts; I Sturdy 38pts; P Simmonds 37pts.
Extra Medal (0-9): M Oakley 66-04=62; M Sherratt 68-05=63; G Hughes 70-05=65.
Whittaker Cup: P Simmonds 41pts; C Watson 40pts; C Griffiths 38pts.
Centenary Trophy: T Tyson 68-05=63; J Kelly 67-03=64; I Davies 72-08=64.
18 Hole Stableford: I Barnes 37pts; B Veenstra 37pts; M Haffenden 35pts.
Summer Shotgun (Team Stableford): K Davies, K Hartley, K A Williams & M Wells 91pts; N Cole, M Gough, S Carter & A Gough 88pts; M Redmond, P Redmond, T Nicholson & C Graham 87pts.
Ladies' 3 Clubs & A Putter: Mrs J Reeve 39pts; Mrs L Taylor 32pts; Mrs S Nichols 30pts.
Whittaker Cup: Mrs L Breakell 94-27=67; Mrs C Jones 98-29=69; Mrs J Heath 97-21=76.
Open Texas Scramble: P Lewis, S Bonnell & N Jones 64-2; L Breakell, S Nichols & J Reeve 69; J Heath, J Marvel & S Pritchard 69-4.
Jubilee Trophy: Mrs S Nichols 90-16=74; Mrs I Green 83-07=76; Mrs L Taylor 102-25=77.
Seniors' June Monthly Stableford: M Foster 39pts; D Mitchell 38pts; A Milesen 35pts.
Seniors' Wine Stableford: J Saul 37pts; A Milesen 37pts; S Johnson 36pts.

HENLLE PARK
Wednesday Night Hot Corp: A Eaton 19pts; I Fort 18pts (cb); S Baran 18pts.
June Stableford Division 1: Mr R Jones 38pts (cb); T Partridge 38pts; D Williams 37pts; Division 2: C Tinsley 40pts; J Parry 38pts; A Patterson 36pts.
Individual Stableford: A Brown 38pts; T Telford 36pts; R Owens 35pts; G Bellis 33pts. Longest Drive (1st): R Owens. Guest Prize: J Pritchard.
Lady Captain's Day Individual Stableford: P Tattersall 36pts; L Jones 36pts (cb); D Edwards 31pts. Nearest the Pin (8th): L Jones. Longest Drive (8th): D Edwards.

HILL VALLEY
Ladies' Sue & Fred Higgs Trophy (Sapphire): G Thomas 36pts (18); A Wilson 34pts (27); I Stiles 29pts (28).
Babs Jones Silver Trophy (Emerald): C Elwood 93-22=71; S Coupe 92-13=79; G Thomas 98-18=80.
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Seniors' Brian Hockenhuil Seniors Trophy Overall Winner: M Williams 40pts (16) 77. Overall Runner-up: G Sargent 33pts (18) 18.1. Overall Third: J Cooke 33pts (22) 22.1.

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Captain's Cup Division 1: C Brimmell (6) 40pts; T Morris (11) 39pts; R Maloney Jnr (6) 37pts; Division 2: W Gore (18) 44pts (Trophy Winner) O Dolloway (18) 38pts; T Davies (18) 36pts; Division 3: M Rusling (20) 38pts; M Powell (24) 36pts (cb); M Barrington (23) 36pts. Lower Gross: K Tandier 73; S Jones: A Beavan (17); R Pugh (7); G Flowers (24).
Chronicle Cup Qualifiers: W Gore, T Morris, M Rusling and O Dolloway.
Wednesday Back 9 Holes Roll-Up Division 1: J Merrick (5) 21pts; J Jones (10) 20pts; J Castle (11) 19pts; Division 2: T Davies (18) 21pts (cb); Terry Morgan (15) 21pts; P Chapman (13) 18pts; Division 3: R Jones (20) 20pts (cb); Barrington (22) 20pts; T Tandier (23) 19pts.
Seniors' Newtown Cup Trophy Winner: G Flowers (24) 40pts; R Garvey (16) and G Monk (13) 36pts.

OSWESTRY
36 Hole Medal Club Champion: J Lawes 70-70=140.
Advertiser Coronation Bowl (18 Holes AM): R Williams 78=126 (S Pound 74=767 (cb); J Hampson 69=2=67 (cb). (Play off R Williams and J Laws - Nett 65).
Paris Williams Putter (18 Holes PM): C Smith 70=5=65; C Jones 80=12=68; S Probert 73=4=69.
Bradley Bowl (36 Hole) Combined Nett Score: J Lawes 132; H Barbour 138; D Haycocks 140; J Poole 141.
Smith Carrington Cup (36 Hole) Scratch: J Lawes 140; J Lawes 140 (70-70); L Anslow 143 (70-73); G Hughes 147 (69-78).
Ladies' Millennium Trophy (24 pairs played): D Hall & H Whiting 70; R Wigley & E Moss 71; K Wallace & M Crane 72 (cb); J Williams & E Aubury 72 (cb).

SHREWSBURY
Ladies' Stableford: H Davies 41pts; M Sullivan 35pts; P Alexander 37pts.

WREKIN
Lanyon Star Partition Division 1: R W Tart Nett 68; S Hendrie Nett 67; J Ford Nett 67; Division 2: A Ward Nett 68; N A Surgenor Nett 67; D Briscoe Nett 70; Division 3: A Overton Nett 62; R Ward Nett 65.
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Disappointing defeat for struggling Glas

CAE GLAS slipped further adrift at the foot of the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two after suffering a tense two wicket loss at home to fellow strugglers Shrewsbury III.

The Gatacre men had looked well placed to take the spoils in a low scoring affair that both sides needed to win, but some determined lower order batting saw the visitors over the line in a tight finish.

Put in to bat, Glas – who have only won two tosses in 11 attempts – clawed their way to 115-8 in their 45 overs after a clatter of early wickets on a damp track.

Some tight bowling from Shrewsbury enabled the away side to reduce Cae Glas to 37-5 and then 63-8. However, Ian Holgate followed on from his confi-

dent knock the previous week with another crucial score of 38 not out to revive the hosts.

Ably supported by George Jones (21 not out), the pair put on 52 for the ninth wicket to see their side past three figures with Robert Johnson bagging 3-28 for the visitors.

In reply, Shrewsbury were soon in trouble against opening bowlers Gareth Edgerton (3-27 off 13 overs) and George Jones who completed a good all round game with 3-32 off 11 overs.

They were wobbling on 65-7, but Glas' hopes of a much-needed win were dashed by a crucial 26 not out by No9 Peter Evans as the visitors scraped a two wicket win in a nervy last 15 overs, leaving their Oswestry hosts with just five points and deep

in basement danger.

Despite finding some form with the bat, CAE GLAS II remain marooned at the foot of the reserve division two after falling to a six wicket defeat at Pontenbury II.

Sold batting throughout saw the Glas post a creditable 181-4 from their 40 overs, Mathew Coulson top scoring with 33 not out while Aidan Martyn made 28 - one of five scores in the 20s.

Pontesbury were up for the chase, getting home with two overs to spare despite a couple of wickets for Shaun Southern (2-24 off seven overs).

Alistair Corfield led the way with an unbeaten 77 and Howard Robinson weighed in with 56, with Glas picking up six points.

Pool up to third in table after fine win

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

WELSHPOOL are emerging realistic title challengers in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two after another fine display from their bowlers set up an excellent low-scoring success at Prees.

Victory, by 40 runs, secured a 24-point haul, and lifted the Maesydre men up to third position in the table, and in touching distance of the leaders.

Put in to bat on a slow track in a 35 overs a side encounter following rain, Pool were restricted to 113-9, opener Mathew Knight the chief contributor with 34 and Russell Cadwallader chipping in with 22.

But that modest total proved enough to defend, with Prees bowled out for 73 with two overs remaining.

Opening bowler Tom Anderson put the skids under their rivals with a terrific 5-18 off 13 overs, while Robert Anderson also impressed with the ball in taking 4-18. Jack Windsor was the other wicket keeper.

A waterlogged pitch put a dampener on ELLESMERE'S revival as they were forced to call off their home clash with Bishop's Castle in division two following recent rain, the teams picking up five points apiece.

ELLESMERE II remain in the basement six in the reserve division two after their six wicket loss at Lilleshall II.

Asked to bat first, they were sent back for 87 in the 36th over, George Duncan put scoring with 22, while Stephen Bate did much of the damage with 5-21 off 13 overs.

The Meresiders made a couple of early breakthroughs courtesy of Mike Lewis (2-23 off 11 overs), but 35 from Elliot Evlyn-Bufton steadied the ship as Lilleshall got home in the 28th over, Kelvin Price also finishing unbeaten on 25.

In the same division, MONTGOMERY II returned home empty handed after finding themselves well beaten by 65 runs at pacesetters SHELTON II in a 40 overs a side affair.

An unbeaten 64 from Steve Griffiths helped Shelton recover from a shaky start to post 153, before the same player picked up a couple of early wickets as Monty struggled early on before eventually folding for 88, Jamie Whelan finishing with 6-24

GUILDFIELD were involved in an exciting winning draw at home to Wroxeter III in division four with the result in the balance throughout.

Batting first, the Guils were dismissed for 113, but hit back with the ball as Wroxeter closed on 104-9. The villagers picked up 11 points for their efforts.

Knockin cruise to maximum points



Knockin line up (back from left): Gary Darlington, Jack Jones, Paul Higginson, Carl Morris, Shaun Davis, Joel Whitehouse, Matty Evans, Dave Jones; (from): Jean-Pierre Erasmus, Dan Jones, Steve Gray

A BATTING collapse saw Frankton crash to a 56-run defeat at Broselye to slip into the lower half of the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League premier division.

Broselye had been dismissed for 180 in the 45th over, Jacob Northwood;s 4-26 putting the skids under the hosts who had earlier looked well placed with half centuries from Nadeem Ahmad (50) and Charl Cyster (65), with Stuart Lamme and Richard Parry-Jones also taking two wickets apiece.

Frankton had looked solid in reply with openers Ian Whitticase (24) and Michael Eckard (32) laying the base, and No3 Jordan Parry making 38.

But once they were out, the

rest of the innings fell away for 124 all out, with no other player making it into double figures as Kieran Osborne snapped up an impressive 8-20.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY picked up a maximum 25-point haul to cement third place in the Shropshire League division on courtesy of a 46-run success against Lilleshall at The Nursery Ground.

Jean-Pierre Erasmus laid the foundations with 70 at the top of the order, fellow opener Steven Gray also weighing in with 28 and Edward Nicholas 25 at four as Knockin were bowled out for 228 in the 45th over. Ed Keenan picked up 3-21.

The bowlers then blew away

the early order, but Adam Copsey's 75 at No8 kept them at bay before the innings came to a close on 182 in the 51st over, Jamie Jagger 3-30 in 10 overs.

FRANKTON II swept aside KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY II by 141 runs to maintain their top three position in the reserve division one.

A fine opening stand between Dave Powell (85) and James Barlow, who was bowled for 96, set Frankton on course for an imposing 238-2 in their 40 overs.

Knockin fell well short in reply, Daniel Evans (24) and James Harper (27) the only knocks of note, as they were sent back for 97, Jack Kelly taking 4-11 and Will James 3-11.

Day to forget at Morda Road for Oswestry

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

Clarke.

It was also a disappointing day for OSWESTRY II who fell to a six-wicket defeat at Ombersley in the Birmingham 2nd XI League division one, despite a fine innings by stand-in skipper Josh Coleridge.

Coleridge cracked 91 and Alex Roberts 29 as the Morda Road side were bowled out for 191 in the last of their 50 overs.

Ombersley were up for the chase as they batted well in reply, reaching 192-4 in the 38th over to wrap up the victory.

OSWESTRY III got the better of a draw against KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY III in a fine game of cricket in the Shropshire League Sunday division one.

Scott Hale (75), Nick Williams (59no) and James Bradbury (38) were all in the runs as Oswestry made 240-4 in their 40 overs, while Greg Stokes was

the pick of the Knockin bowlers with 2-50.

Dave Jones (56no) and Robert Oliver (43) made the Os bowlers work hard, and the Knockin innings closed on 179-7. Veteran Richard Jones came out of retirement to take 4-29.

OSWESTRY IV provided the club's only victory of the weekend - a seven-cricket success against Knockin IV to boost their fortunes in the Sunday division two.

Alan Morris (3-12) and Archie James (3-28) helped dismiss Knockin for 123, with Pete Shepherd bowling well in his first game for more than 30 years.

Morris then scored 58 not out and Neil Darley 31 to take Oswestry to 124-3 in reply.

Oswestry complete the first half of the season on Saturday with a trip to Penkridge (midday), while the seconds are at home to Wellington II (12.30pm). The Thirds take on Wem II at Morda Road on Sunday, when the fourth string travel to Lilleshall III (both 1.30pm).

Shropshire Cricket Lge fixtures at weekend

Saturday

Premier Division

Albington v Wem; Broselye v Bomere Heath; Forton v Frankton; Madeley v Ludlow & South Shropshire; Sentinel v St Georges; Shelton v Quatt.

Division One

Alberbury v Lilleshall; Beacon v Allscott; Knockin & Kinnerley v Cound; Market Drayton v Condover; Newtown v Pontesbury; Wellington v Wroxeter Grove.

Division Two

Cae Glas v Prees; Church Stretton v Iscoyd & Fennis Bank; Ellesmere v Tibberton; Montgomery v Wheaton Aston; Welshpool v Bishops Castle; Willey v Shrewsbury.

Division Three

Calverhall v Shifnal; Harcourt v Much Wenlock; Harpers v Ludlow & South Shropshire; Hodnet & Peplow v Gheimarsh; Llanidloes v Church Aston; Tysull & Seisdon v Corvedale.

Division Four

Allscott v Beacon; Bridgnorth v St Georges; Guilsfield v Quatt; Overton-on-Dee v Acton Reynald; Quayside v Hinstock; Wroxeter Grove v Coton Hall.

Reserve Division One

Cound v Knockin & Kinnerley; Frankton v Alberbury; Ludlow & South Shropshire v Madeley; Quatt v Beacon; St Georges v Sentinel; Wem v Wellington.

Reserve Division Two

Bomere Heath v Ellesmere; Condover v Cae Glas; Iscoyd & Fennis Bank v Shelton; Lilleshall v Forton; Pontesbury v Willey; Wroxeter Grove v Montgomery.

Reserve Division Three

Acton Reynald v Whittington; Allscott v Market Drayton; Bishops Castle v Llanidloes; Much Wenlock v Albington; Shifnal v Broselye; St Georges v Lilleshall.

Sunday

Division One

Alberbury v Wellington; Bomere Heath v Sentinel; Cound v Worfield; Frankton v Pontesbury; Newport v Knockin & Kinnerley; Oswestry v Wem.

Division Two

Knockin & Kinnerley v Whitchurch; Lilleshall v Oswestry; Ludlow & South Shropshire v Madeley; Morda v Madeley 3rd v Market Drayton; Wellington v Bridgnorth.

Wainwright takes county to the summit

MATCH-WINNER David Wainwright reckons the win that put Shropshire top of the Uncorns Championship Western Division table could prove 'pivotal'.

The former Derbyshire star cracked an unbeaten 80 as Shropshire leapfrogged Cornwall with a four-wicket win over the former leaders at Bridgnorth.

With Shropshire set 246 for victory on the final day, Wainwright put on 150 for the fifth wicket with Worfield's Ross Aucott, who struck a fine 89, as Shropshire recovered from a precarious 64-4 to make it three wins out of three after opening the season with victories over Dorset and Oxfordshire.

Wainwright, who also took seven wickets against Cornwall and weighed in with 46 in the first innings, said: "It's an ideal start.

"Coming into the last day, we knew it was probably going to be a pivotal point of the season.

Pleasure

"They would have been three from three and it would have been hard to catch them.

"I'm just glad that we could get over the line."

Wainwright added: "It's just been a pleasure to play these three games and I'm looking forward to the next three."

Shropshire's director of cricket Karl Krikken was pleased with his side's display – and stressed they need to keep playing the same way as they look forward to hosting Berkshire, starting on July 17.

Krikken said: "It's three out of three, but you don't win a championship halfway through or get to the finals. The plan is going well at present.

"Berkshire is the next game, at Shifnal, so we'll roll up with the same principles and play the same way.

"That's all we'll do. We'll turn up hopefully with a similar side and see how we go. We've just got to keep doing the same things.

"It's in our hands at present, but you never know with the weather etcetera.

"We'll take nothing to chance and prepare the same."

Rare defeat for ladies as champs net victory

INJURY-HIT Oswestry Ladies suffered their first loss of the season in the Shropshire Ladies Tennis League division one when they went down at home to defending champions Bridgnorth.

After a flying start to the campaign with three straight wins, this was to be the team's most challenging fixture so far.

Despite having home advantage, Oswestry's hopes were already under pressure before a ball was served after suffering a number of injuries.

And they were dealt another setback in the first round rubbers when injury meant the partnership of Kat Oakley and Josie Macrae could no longer continue, handing both rubbers to their rivals.

It was left to the second pair of Erian Lloyd-Jones and Fiona Russell to complete their rubbers to try to gain whatever points they could against Bridgnorth's first and second pairs.

Although they battled hard, the task was too much as they slipped to defeat, with Oswestry suffering an overall 8-0 loss to fall six points behind leaders Bridgnorth.

It was a disappointing night for the team after such a fine start to the season, but they are still in a very strong position in division one and hopefully no more injuries with prevent their progress.

The second team hosted Hinstock's first team in the Shropshire 4N and, although showers were expected during the evening, the fixture started on time as planned.

In the first round rubbers, the first pair of Carol Slater and partner Rosemary Bennett fell 5-1 behind in the first set before getting back to 5-5 and forcing a tie break which they narrowly lost 6-7 (5-7).

The second set followed the same pattern, but this time they won the tie break 7-6 (7-4) to take their match to a deciding third set

Curtains for rivals as Draper strikes

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

Tre Penne 0 The New Saints 3
(aggregate 1-5)

AFTER being frustrated for much of the first half, The New Saints swept aside San Marino outfit Tre Penne to ease into the second qualifying round of the UEFA Champions League.

Goals either side of the interval from Scott Quigley and Aaron Edwards put the Saints on course for a comfortable passage at the San Marino Stadium.

A late strike from substitute Greg Draper completed a 3-0 win on the night, and a convincing 5-1 success on aggregate.

The Welsh Premier champions had enough chances to make the margin more emphatic, with Tre Penne keeper Mattia Megani again in good form.

But the Oswestry side will be happy with their efforts that set up a second qualifying round tie against highly-ranked Cyprus champions APOEL Nicosia with the first leg next Tuesday.

Holding a 2-1 advantage from the home game, TNS maintained their dominance in the return and wasted little time in taking the game to their Summariness hosts.

Craig Harrison's treble winners enjoyed the bulk of possession, with the two goalscorers from the first leg combining early on as Jamie Mullan's cross just eluded Quigley.

More pressure saw Ryan Brobbel's free-kick punched out by keeper Megani and, when the home team did mount a rare attack they were met by some solid defending

Flank

The Saints continued to look the more incisive, with Adrian Cieslewicz firing over from a tight angle, while another Mullan cross was cleared after the winger had cut in from the flank.

Moments later, Aaron Edwards put an effort over the bar from the edge of the box and Chris Marriott's free-kick hit the wall.

TNS finally got the ball in the net just before half-time through Quigley, but his close-range effort was ruled out by Albanian referee Lorenc Jemini for a push in the build-up.

However, Quigley was not to be denied right on half-time as the forward smashed home following a defensive lapse to give the Saints a 3-1 aggregate advantage. Victory was effectively sealed when Edwards doubled the lead two minutes after the break when nodding the ball into the net following a Marriott free-kick.

With Tre Penne pushing forward, the action became stretched with Saints keeper Paul Harrison tipping over a shot while at the other end Quigley had an effort well saved by Migani.

Substitute Draper came on for the last 10 minutes and notched a third goal in the closing moments after breaking through following an assist from Jon Routledge.

Next up will be a sterner challenge against APOEL Nicosia. The Cypriots are their country's most successful club with an overall tally of 25 championships, 21 cups and 13 super cups. They have reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League in the past.

Tre Penne: Megani, Capocioni (Cesarini 72), Fraternali, Rossi, Merendino, Patregiani, Palazzi, Gai, Agostinelli, Chiaruzzi (Calzolari 51), Gasperoni (Frignulett 79). Subs not used: Censoni, Lazzarini, Colonna, Macaluso.

The New Saints: P Harrison, Marriott, Rawlinson, Baker, Spender (Pryce 76), Routledge, Edwards, Cieslewicz, Brobel (Sergeant 68), Mullan, Quigley (Draper 82). Subs not used: Parry, Mullock, Saunders, M Williams.

Referee: Lorenc Jemini (Albania).

Double is dashed for Littlehales



Ready to do battle – the four finalists in the Oswestry mixed pairs, from left, Colin Jones and Eleri Arbon, league president John Hughes and the eventual winners Shirley Hughes and Derek Taylor

THERE was no quickfire Oswestry League title double for Mark Littlehales as Shirley Hughes and Derek Taylor won the mixed pairs.

The Weston Rhyn duo came out on top at a damp Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant on Sunday when Johnstown's Littlehales – winner of the 4-5-6 singles at Ye Olde Crofte – reached the semi-finals with Sue Taylor.

But they then lost to Colin Jones and Eleri Arbon of Cynwyd, who ran out from 13 across, while Hughes and Taylor were proving too strong for the home pairing of Juliet Brown and Gwylfa Edwards.

"Although it rained from mid afternoon all the way through to the final, it didn't affect the quality of bowling, especially in the final," said organiser Trevor Roberts, the league's comps chief. "Shirley and Derek steadily built

up a good lead of 17-9 but, with some good last wood shots, Colin got the Cynwyd pair right back in the game at 15-18.

"A great recovery bowl by Derek stopped them getting to 18 each and then Shirley put two good unbeaten leads on to claim the trophy."

■ Oswestry League club Cynwyd will follow up their successful doubles competition earlier this month with an open singles in August.

A £100 first prize is the bait being used to lure bowlers to the venue west of Corwen on Sunday, August 7, for a 10.30am start.

There are 32 places in the competition at £5 apiece; to book a spot, contact Phil Jones on 01490 412584.

■ Shrewsbury Severnside will re-launch their Dennis Jones Doubles on Saturday – but with a new twist.

The once popular one-day title has not been contested for two years and club officials have adopted a new approach to get it off the ground again.

"It will be run as a social doubles on Saturday starting at 1pm," said organiser Terry Sambrook.

"There will be no entry fee and no prizes, except the main trophy for the winners, but there will be a free tea for everyone who takes part."

"It will be perfect for anyone who has never played in an open event before and if anyone is interested they can either enter on the day or book in advance with me on 01743-358664."

"The Jones family has made a massive contribution to Severnside over the years and the club is making a big effort to get the doubles off the ground again."

Vital win as Church go onto Waugh footing

CHURCH A boosted their hopes of escaping relegation in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division one with a welcome 8-2 home victory over basement rivals Weston Rhyn A.

It has been a tough season to date for the Oswestry side, but they chalked up a convincing 161-106 shots success that may point to brighter times ahead.

The match had been level pegging at 2-2 after the first four, with skipper Brian Oakley prevailing 21-17 for Rhyn and Shirley Hughes also winning to 18.

But Church stormed ahead in the back four, with their best win of the night coming through Jamie Waugh (21-6) to move off the foot of the table, Brian Canlett also winning to 10.

Church look to keep up the good work away to Chirk A next Tuesday, while Weston Rhyn face a tricky home encounter with WHITTINGTON A who are in good shape in the upper reaches of the table.

The villagers kept up the pressure on the leading pack with a 7-3 (144-120) home verdict against Johnstown B, with Aled Davies (21-3) leading the way and Brian Sinkler (21-7) also a good single figure winner.

Verdict

Johnstown A are looking good at the summit, moving eight points clear after their 7-3 (139-120) victory against visiting Llangollen A, who are in third position.

High-flying LLANRHAEDR A are going great guns at the top of division two after picking up a hefty 18 points from two games this week.

After whitewashing Ellesmere A 10-0, they followed it up with an 8-2 home verdict against CRIFT-INS B, taking the aggregate by 153-94.

Hywel Jones, Neil Jones and Steve Jones all won 21-6, and Mark Evans was a 21-7 winner as Llan cemented pole position.

Now five points clear, they are again at home next Tuesday when they take on Flexsys A.

LLANYMYNECH A, who are also pushing for honours this season, suffered a 7-3 (153-133) reverse at promotion rivals Cynwyd A, the in-form Roger Candlin (21-11) the best of their replies.

CHURCH B were in action away to CRIFTINS C in the second division last night (Wednesday).

In division three, BLACK LI-ON'S match at Chirk B was brought forward. The Llan players showed their claws to win 7-3 (152-127) and maintain their status among the leading pack. Andrew Jones was their best winner, taking his game 21-4.

Fixtures, Tuesday July 12, division one: Ceiriog Valley A v Johnstown A, Chirk A v Church A, Johnstown V v Criftins A, Llangollen A v Overton A, Weston Rhyn A v Whittington A, Ruabon A v Corwen A.

Division two: Criftins B v Bersham, Llanrhaeadr A v Flexsys A, Llanrhaeadr A v Criftins C, Whittington B v Llanymynech A, Ellesmere B v Ye Olde Crofte A, Church B v Cynwyd A.

Hafren one-two in Paragon 19-miler

CYCLING by John Bridgwater

RIDERS were up for the challenge as they took to the saddle for Oswestry Paragon's traditional mid-summer 19-mile event.

It also served as round nine of The SB Sports Injuries Series, with 23 competitors tackling the tough climb to Welsh Frankton from both sides in an extension to the normal Oswestry club 10 course.

Taking in Queen's Head, Gobowen and Ellesmere, Bryn Davies, of Hafren CC, was one of many riders gaining their first experience of this course, with a tailwind helping the climb to Ellesmere.

Davies led the way after stopping the watch in 44 minutes 55 seconds and stated afterwards: "It was my first go on the course. It was a tough but enjoyable ride. Great conditions, and good to see another Hafren rider at the top."

That second placed Hafren rider was Ian Nisbett, who surprised himself with a narrow runner-up spot in a fine 45:29.

Bridgnorth CC's Tim Beardmore (45:38) just claimed third spot on the night from Nova Raiders' Scott Harris by eight seconds.

Beardmore was also trying it out for the first time, commenting: "My first time on that course – tough but very enjoyable."

"I was pleased with my ride despite being held

up in traffic a bit. A big thanks to marshals and support from the public in Whittington! A lovely evening for racing."

Another Nova Raiders rider Ian Laverie took fifth in 47:30.

But if many of the leading riders were experiencing the course for the first time, that wasn't that case for junior winner Kieran Morris, who put local knowledge to good use.

Morris stopped the watch on 47:34 to claim a strong sixth place overall and revealed: "I was pleased to get the win after hard week of training. It is a local course for me, I use the Brow most weeks for efforts."

Seventh place and claiming double points in the Paragon points series, Neil Coles came home in 47:42, three seconds ahead of another Mid Shropshire Wheelers junior, James Bell (47:45).

Andrew Davies was second Paragon rider and ninth overall with Darrell Walsh who improved by over four minutes on his previous course best to take tenth in 49:49.

Marches CC's Paddy Crisp was the rider to beat

his age related standard by the largest amount taking eleventh place in 49:57.

Three ladies took part with Pauline Hughes of Revolutions Racing fastest of the group in 52:26, ahead of Oswestry Paragon's Helen Tudor (55:32) and Nova Raiders Tracey Billington (60:56).

Showing age is no barrier to taking part, 78-year-old Pete Norman went round the 19 mile course in 64:08, and 82-year-old Mick Ward rode his first time trial in 24 years completing the 10 mile event in 39:14.

Twelve solo riders and one tandem pair competed in the 10 mile event with Adam Riley of Oswestry Paragon taking his first victory in 24:54. In second place and fastest lady on the Queens Head-Gobowen course this year was Lucy Davies of Hafren CC (25:53).

Dave Vart, who has been clocking up the miles riding to all four corners of England in a 900 mile challenge to raise money for Hope House, put his training to good use finishing third in 26:27.

Again it was Mid Shropshire Wheelers riders who battled it out for the honour of being fastest junior, Ryan Greaves leading the way in 27:31 narrowly edging out the fast improving Jack Young (27:40).

Ifton call off game due to Euro 2016

IFTON'S Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League clash with Hanwood was postponed as a result of Wales' surprise success in Euro 2016.

The sides were due to meet last Friday night but the fixture clashed with the quarter-final meeting between Chris Coleman's side and Belgium which the Welsh famously won 3-1 to reach the last four.

St Martins-based Ifton asked for the game to be re-arranged as a number of their ten are either in France or wanted to watch the game on TV, and the league's committee agreed to the request. That match will now be played on Sunday, July 24 (6pm).

Without any action last week, Ifton have now slipped down to eighth in the table, so will be looking for a good haul of points at home to rock bottom Hadley USC in their next outing on Friday night.

Black Lion in back-to-back whitewashes

BLACK LION roared up to second position in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three after making it back-to-back whitewashes.

After sweeping aside Ellesmere A 10-0 in the previous outing, the Lion again proved too hot to handle as they hammered basement team Ruabon B by a similar margin, and by 89 shots.

Andrew Jones (10 wins out of 12) continued his good form by prevailing to one, while Karl Adams (who also also won 10 this season) and Mark Jones also notched excellent single figure wins to three and four respectively.

Plas Kynaston A remain three points clear at the top after they also went on a 10-0 whitewash, winning by 68 shots at WHITTINGTON E.

GEORGE, in fifth spot succumbed 8-2 (154-115) at Ceiriog Valley B, Carleton Leonard providing some consolation with a 21-9 verdict, while John Hughes was the other winner to 19, his 10th win in 11 outings.

Fortunes continue to look up for **FOX LANE** who are now in seventh place after their 9-1 (165-90) drubbing of lowly **ELLESMEERE A**, Mike Flanagan taking the coppers 21-3 and Ben Parkes won to five. Ambrose Mochan gained some consolation with a 21-18 reply.

Promotion-seeking **LLANYMYNECH B** lost ground in the fourth division with an 8-2 (143-112) reverse at Cynwyd B, their responses coming from Kevin Jones (21-8) and Kieran Jones (21-9).

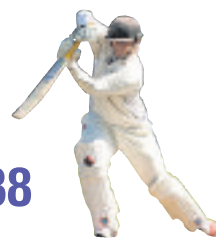
CHURCH C, one place below in third, went down 6-4 (154-138) at leaders Ceiriog Valley C, Steve Turner winning 21-16.

IFTON, with a game in hand, are eight points clear at the top of division five after their 8-2 (158-120) success away to **CHURCH D**, Curtis Metcalfe (21-9) their best of the night while Tanya Metcalfe also won to 10.

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Gary Williams with a couple of Maori warriors in Auckland ahead of Wales' first Test defeat against New Zealand

WELSHPOOL'S Oval Zone, covering rugby in Mid and North Wales, has scooped a prestigious honour – the All Wales award for Best Sports Social Media 2016.

All Wales Sport announced its award winners for the past season. And the Oval Zone, run by Welshpool's Gary Williams, was named the principal's best sporting social media.

The award will be handed over at a special evening in the Atlantic Hotel, Forthcawl on Thursday, July 14.

Williams, secretary of Welshpool RFC and editor of the North and Mid Wales Rugby magazine, was delighted with the success – he learned of the win while watching Wales in New Zealand.

"I am proud to have been selected as the winner," he said. "I thank everybody who has been kind enough to send me information, as well as Ellis Davies and all the team at All Wales Sport for their help and support."

"If somebody had told me a few years ago that I'd be uploading club websites, along with Twitter and Facebook accounts in my spare time at my age, I'd have thought they were mad. However, in this era of instant media, I'm loving every minute of it!"

Williams is webmaster of the Oval Zone, and assists with the North Wales Rugby Union, Welshpool, COBRA, Bala, Nant Conwy and Mold RFC websites.

The Oval Zone also has Facebook and Twitter accounts. To view the Oval Zone website, visit www.ovalzone.co.uk

To follow on Twitter go to @ovalzon-rugby and @midwalesrugby

Ace Adele breaks her personal best

SHOT putter Adele Nicoll lay down another marker by smashing her own personal best as her stunning season continues.

A week after landing a coveted bronze medal at the Senior British Championships in Birmingham, the Welshpool athlete pulled out another terrific performance in the British Premier League.

The 19-year-old former Oswestry Olympian threw 16.34m to win the women's under-23 event for her club, Birchfield Harriers, while also extending her Welsh record for the age group.

Village hit the road for first fixture

NOW back in the Spar Mid Wales League, Llansantffraid Village get the season under way with a Friday night fixture away to Bettws in early August.

The Saints, who resigned from the league last season, have returned to division two after their success in the JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League.

Their first game is at Bettws on Friday, August 5, while Churchstoke host Abermule on the same night in what is an early start for the league.

Second division champions Berriew mark their return to division one with a trip to Bow Street the following day, Saturday, August 6.

FOOTBALL

Montgomery, who remain in the first division despite last season's struggles, host Hay St Mary's while Llanrhaeadr face an early season test at home to Carno.

WATERLOO ROVERS launch their campaign with a home meeting against Radnor Valley while Rhayader Town, who are back following their relegation from the Cymru Alliance, welcome Machynlleth.

In division two, Dyffryn Banw entertain Kerry and new boys Forden host Newbridge.

On the same day is the summer cup final – a mouthwatering clash which sees league champions Penrhynoch take on runners-up Knighton Town at Cae Baker.

There are no fewer than five first division fixtures on Tuesday, August 9, which includes Berriew's home meeting with Rhayader and Waterloo's trip to Carno, while Montgomery visit Llanrhaeadr.

WELSHPOOL'S first taste of action comes on Wednesday, August 10 with a trip to Llandrindod Wells.

Llansantffraid are away to Churchstoke on the same night.

Coleridge
lines up for
vital clash

IN-FORM batsman Josh Coleridge steps into Oswestry's ranks for Saturday's trip to lowly Penkridge in the Birmingham Cricket League division two.

After returning from university, Coleridge has been in fine fettle for the second team, hitting 278 runs from his five innings at an average of 69.50 with three half-centuries.

Last weekend he made 91 against Ombersley, and earns his call as the Morda Road men chase much-needed points at Penkridge who lie second bottom, two places below their visitors.

Opening bat and left-arm spinner Warrick Fynn steps back to bolster the early order, while fellow spinner Mark Robinson also returns after the pair missed last weekend's seven-wicket reverse at home to Shifnal.

Lowly **CAE GLAS** hope for better fortune in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two when they host Prees on Saturday.

The Glas slipped well adrift at the foot of the table after last weekend's two-wicket defeat against fellow strugglers Shrewsbury III.

That reverse leaves them desperate for a healthy haul against a Prees side that was defeated by 40 runs against **WELSHPOOL** last weekend.

That victory underlined Pool's title credentials, with the bowlers again having a field day as Tom Anderson took 5-18 and Robert Anderson 4-18.

The Maeydre side are now up to third in the table, just four points off second-placed Wheaton Aston, and look to maintain the momentum at home to Bishop's Castle on Saturday.

MONTGOMERY face a top of the table encounter at home to Wheaton Aston and will be in confident mood after moving 32 points clear with a tense two-wicket victory over Church Stretton.

A terrific 6-32 from James Corfield restricted Stretton to 102-9 in their 40 overs, before Tim Davies (30) and Rob Yewdall (35) helped the league leaders over the line in the penultimate over.

ELLESMERE, without a game last weekend, host Tibberton while **GUILDFIELD** follow a lively draw with Wroxeter by welcoming Quatt in division four.

Home comforts as Oswestry aim high

NEWLY promoted Oswestry RFC start life in the South Lancs/Cheshire Division One with back-to-back home games.

They start at Granville Park on Saturday, September, 3 against old foes Manchester Medics, who were also promoted from the Cheshire South last season.

The Eagles then entertain Widnes the following weekend, September 10, before a trip to Southport on Saturday, September 17.

After finishing runners-to champions the Medics, Oswestry gained promotion with a 23-7 play-off win against Merseyside West side Ruskin Park at Granville Park last May.

Victory in front of a bumper crowd ended a terrific campaign for the border men who will now be looking forward to tougher tests at a new level next season.

The Eagles are always on the lookout for new players, and invite any aspiring youngsters to come and train.

EURO JOY, BUT NEW TIE LOOMS

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints boss Craig Harrison savoured his side's UEFA Champions League victory at Tre Penne – but quickly turned his thoughts to next week's second qualifying round tie with Cypriot high-flyers APOEL Nicosia.

The Saints swept aside San Marino outfit Tre Penne 3-0 on Tuesday night to secure a 5-1 aggregate win and march into the next round.

But the Welsh Premier champions had little time to dwell on that success with just seven days to prepare for next week's visit of 25-time Cypriot League champions APOEL.

That tie is certain to prove a far sterner challenge – the Cypriots reached the Champions League quarter-finals in the 2011/12 season before bowing out 8-2 on aggregate to Real Madrid.

Delighted

The first leg is at Park Hall next Tuesday with the return in Nicosia the following week – so Harrison was already planning for that tie soon after the final whistle blew at the San Marino stadium.

"It was a fantastic result, although it was not the best we played," said the TNS manager after the game.

"We're delighted to win both legs in a Champions League tie, but the work for the management starts straight away."

"We'll go back to the hotel and start watching videos of their last three games, and start planning for next week, so the work doesn't stop."

The Saints, with a 2-1 lead from the first leg, made the tie safe with goals from Scott Quigley and Aaron Edwards.

The hosts then had to score four times – and that never looked likely as the Saints held a tight grip, with substitute Greg Draper breaking through to complete the scoring in injury time.

"Although we were not at our best, we came here to win the game, that was the main thing," added Harrison.



The green machine – The New Saints eased through against San Marino side Tre Penne

"To score three goals away from home and to keep a clean sheet, you can't ask for any more than that."

"We had the lion's share of possession without creating too many chances."

"But we knew we would get opportunities and it was just a case of taking them which we did. The timing of the goals was all-important."

"To score just before half-time made a big difference."

"And to come out for the second half and get a second straight away killed the tie."

APOEL's greatest campaign in the European competitions saw them get into the knockout stages of the 2011-12 Champions League.

They topped a group containing FC Porto, Shakhtar Donetsk and Zenit St Petersburg) to make the last 16.

Then they reached the quarter-finals of the competition by putting out Olympique Lyonnais

on penalties after a 1-1 aggregate draw, becoming the only Cypriot club to reach the last eight of the Champions League.

APOEL's other European competition highlights include two further appearances in the group stages of the UEFA Champions League in 2010 and 2015, and the group stages of the UEFA Europa League last year.

They are the only Cypriot club who have reached the group stages of both major UEFA competitions.

TNS defender Phil Baker equalled the Welsh Premier League record for full European appearances when playing in the Saints' win at Tre Penne.

The 34-year-old joined Gary Lloyd on 29 starts, although TNS midfielder Scott Ruscoe has made 28 full and two substitute appearances, so has actually played in more games than either of the other two.

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